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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 16, 1891.

WITH THE

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

SALEM:
PRESS OF THE ESSEX COUNTY MERCURY.
1891.

REPORT.

School Department.

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid.

Jennie S. Bertwell,	teaching	winter	term,	1889,	$108.00
A. F. Esgate,	"	spring	"	1890,	84.00
" "	"	fall	"	"	84.00
John K. Dodge, wood,					18.00
F. M. Stillman, care of fires and room,					9.50
Total,					$303.50

NECK SCHOOL.

Paid.

Minnie J. Miller,	teaching	winter	term,	1889,	$90.00
" "	"	summer	"	1890,	108.00
" "	"	fall	"	"	34.20
Ruth M. Bradstreet,		"	"		63.00
Charles Wilkins, wood,					18.00
S. C. Prince, care of fires and room,					8.00
Total,					$321.20

CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Paid.

Grace R. Gould,	teaching	winter	term,	1889,	$108.00
Bertha M. Durgin,	"	summer	"	1890,	90.00
" "	"	fall	"	"	90.00
John Girdler, coal,					12.00
Wellington Pool, care of fires and room,					18.15
Lucy P. Crowell, care of room,					3.50
Total,					$321.65

CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid.

E. L. Nason, teaching winter term, 1889,	$108.00
J. S. Bertwell, " summer " 1890,	108.00
" " " fall "	108.00
John Girdler, coal,	45.00
Wellington Pool, care of fires,	15.00
Lucy P. Crowell, " " room,	10.00
Total,	$394.00

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid.

Jennie O. Bowers, teaching winter term, 1889,	$108.00
M. E. Dodge, " summer " 1890,	96.00
" " " fall " "	96.00
H. N. Burpee, wood,	7.00
N. P. Perkins, "	10.00
S. S. Moulton, care of fires and room,	8.38
John Girdler, coal,	9.38
Total,	$334.76

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Paid.

N. P. Perkins, supplies,	$ .45
A. F. Clark, one geographical study,	40.00
Jennie S. Bertwell, drawing books,	1.60
Effingham Maynard Co., books,	19.80
Boston School Supply Co., "	14.77
Merrill & Mackintire, supplies,	9.01
William Ware & Co., books,	8.88
Henry N. Burpee, setting glass and cleaning stove pipe,	3.25
W. W. Hinkley, funnel and labor,	5.30
D. C. Smith, brick and lime,	8.65
Ivory Quinby cash paid register and ventilator,	11.50
" " " " pipe, paper and lead,	7.40

Paid.

Ivory Quinby, labor,	31.25
Edward Choate, labor and stock,	40.20
Henry Newhall, hardware,	2.08
Isaac Porter, stock and labor,	16.85
Pope Brothers, lumber for West school,	20.88
Geo. H. Woodbury, labor, West school,	3.00
" " " " Centre primary,	10.50
W. C. Packard, furniture, " "	4.05
Elbridge Porter, labor, " "	4.75
John K. Dodge, stock and labor East school,	4.65
Wm. B. Morgan, " " " West school,	11.93
" " cash paid Frank Curtis,	13.75
N. P. Perkins, stock and labor,	6.70
H. N. Burpee, grading West school yard,	3.25
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	1.58
Total,	$306.03

Highway Department.

WARD ONE.

JOHN K. DODGE, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

Paid Benj. F. Burchstead,	$6.46
Wm. H. Beck,	5.61
Addison Williams,	9.86
Daniel W. Preston,	11.22
Philip Morrill,	4.76
John K. Dodge,	18.02
Charles E. Wyatt,	10.00
Total,	$65.93

WARD TWO.

CHARLES T. BROWN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

Paid Charles T. Brown,	$10.88
Jacob Brown,	20.56

John Gentlee,	41.38
R. F. Dodge,	38.18
The estate of Thomas Thompson,	32.36
Jane Johnson,	8.33
Francis S. Lovett, Jr.,	7.48
D. C. Smith, road machine,	5.00
Total,	$164.17

WARD THREE.

CHARLES WILKINS, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

Paid D. C. Smith, road machine,	$ 5.00
Nicholas Dodge,	4.93
David Pingree,	3.06
Charles O. Killam,	9.52
J. W. Curtis,	2.38
Wm. T. Tucker,	3.23
F. M. Dodge,	12.45
F. R. Edwards,	15.68
S. R. Prince,	19.95
Z. Cole,	20.86
Charles Wilkins,	16.85
Total,	$113.91

WARD FOUR.

WM. P. DODGE, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

Paid G. F. and F. S. Dodge,	$14.00
Simeon Dodge Jr.,	12.25
Wm. P. Dodge,	16.50
F. R. Edwards,	8.10
Total,	$50.85

WARD FIVE.

ELBRIDGE PORTER, COMMISSIONER.

Paid D. E. Homan,	$ 6.90
P. H. Kavanagh,	29.55
Jeremiah Kavanagh,	36.25

Paid	J. F. Batchelder,	38.10
	M. Sullivan,	27.25
	Ebenezer Tinkham,	30.60
	D. A. Homan,	11.90
	Geo. Jones,	15.75
	T. W. Batchelder,	9.35
	J. L. Batchelder,	8.84
	Elbridge Porter,	94.03
	John R. Sargent,	6.60
	Smith Tinkham,	13.60
	Jason Williams,	13.60
	Warren Jones,	2.55
	D. Harrigan,	22.95
	Henry Tarr,	6.87
	Charles Perkins,	11.60
	F. A. Standley, gravel,	43.90
	W. S. Cummings,	62.91
	Total,	$493.10

WARD SIX.

D. A. Homan, Deputy Commissioner.

Paid	Geo. W. Jones,	$10.37
	Warren Jones,	2.72
	D. A. Homan,	6.80
	James T. Brown, gravel,	.65
	F. A. Standley, "	4.35
	P. H. Kavanagh,	5.10
	D. E. Homan,	2.55
	D. Harrigan,	1.70
	Charles Stanton,	2.55
	A. Hodgdon,	.85
	P. M. Barnes,	3.40
	E. Porter,	.51
	Total,	$41.55

WARD SEVEN.

CHESTER S. COOK, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

Paid Ira D. Batchelder,	$10.65
Luther W. Batchelder,	5.10
S. S. Cook,	6.80
Joseph G. Kent,	6.80
Geo. W. Peabody Jr.,	.85
Harvey S. Cook,	5.10
Chester S. Cook,	7.73
Stephen Cook,	8.67
Charles Tucker,	2.55
W. B. Morgan,	3.80
E. A. Dodge,	10.20
N. P. Perkins,	10.20
Harvey Pierce,	7.20
J. H. Tiney,	1.70
John H. Flint,	2.20
Total,	$89.55

WARD EIGHT.

JAMES T. BROWN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

Paid James T. Brown,	$ 9.80
" " " gravel,	5.35
E. L. Kimball,	11.20
J. Wesel,	3.40
J. A. Wesel,	3.40
W. Burpee,	3.40
Chas. Stanton,	3.40
Henry Burpee,	4.90
Parker Hanson,	1.70
Total,	$46.55

WARD NINE.

C. W. PERKINS, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

Paid C. W. Perkins,	$17.25
W. S. Cummings,	8.10

Paid P. M. Barnes,		$ 2.55
Ebenezer Tinkham,		2.55
Geo. W. Butman,		3.40
Daniel Brewer,		2.55
Daniel E. Homan,		4.25
John R. Sargent,		2.45
Total,		$43.10

EXTRA HIGHWAY.

Paid Daniel W. Preston,	Ward 1,	labor,		$10.20
Jacob Brown,	2,	"		6.97
Charles Wilkins,	3,	"		7.30
Elbridge Porter,	5,	"		33.57
J. F. Batchelder,	"	"		12.41
J. L. Batchelder,	"	"		7.48
T. W. Batchelder,	"	"		11.89
M. Trowt,	"	"		3.06
Louis Merrill,	"	"		2.21
Fred F. Porter,	"	"		5.27
Frank Needham,	"	gravel,		5.50
D. A. Homan,	6,	labor,		2.20
G. W. Jones,	"	"		3.24
Frank A. Standley,	"	"	and gravel,	7.30
A. Hodgdon,	"	"		11.99
Henry A. Cook,	"	"		1.45
Elbridge Porter,	Ward 7,	labor,	Wen'm Causeway,	24.18
J. T. Brown,	"	"	"	16.91
M. Sullivan,	"	"	"	18.61
P. Hanson,	"	"	"	6.04
T. W. Batchelder,	"	"	"	5.87
E. Tinkham,	"	"	"	5.87
D. Harrigan,	"	"	"	5.87
Dudley Towne,	"	gravel,	"	5.15
John Flint,	"	"	"	3.70
H. N. Burpee,	"	labor,	"	7.34
Chester S. Cook,	"	"		7.31

Paid Stephen Cook, Ward 7,	labor,	$ 7.82
A. Putnam,	" "	7.82
H. S. Cook,	" "	1.70
Wm. B. Morgan,	" " and gravel,	.70
D. A. Homan,	" labor on bridge,	6.00
G. W. Jones,	" "	4.00
Harvey Pierce,	" " and gravel,	.45
John Flint,	" "	.10
J. T. Brown,	" "	3.40
E. L. Kimball,	" "	1.70
D. E. Homan	" " on bridge,	10.50
James T. Brown,	" " "	18.98
E. L. Kimball,	" " "	15.56
J. A. Wesel,	8 "	1.96
C. H. Stanton,	" "	2.38
G. W. Jones,		6.80
Stephen Cook,		6.80
D. A. Homan,		6.80
Warren Burpee,		11.90

WALNUT STREET.

Paid John Gentlee,		$79.52
Jacob Brown,		18.63
C. T. Brown,		17.17
O. P. Thompson,		8.33
C. O. Killam,		5.95
F. R. Edwards,		22.40
G. W. Johnson,		8.16
Charles Wilkins,		39.78
F. M. Dodge,		16.80
D. C. Smith,		46.75
S. R. Prince,		7.40

FRIEND STREET.

Paid P. H. Kavanagh,	grading and graveling,	$165.62
D. A. Homan,	labor,	1.70
D. E. Homan,	"	.68

Paid Wm. S. Cummings,		$2.21

H. Hobbs' Drain.

Wm. S. Cummings,	stock and labor,	14.04
" "	labor on drain on Main St.,	3.25
Total,		$812.65

Snow Department.

Elbridge Porter, Road Commissioner.

Paid John Gentlee,	Ward	2,	$11.60
Thomas Thompson,	"	"	1.50
Jacob Brown,	"	"	.50
Charles T. Brown,	"	"	5.00
Geo. W. Johnson,	"	"	.60
F. S. Lovett,	"	"	.40
R. F. Dodge,	"	"	.75
Wm. P. Dodge,	"	4,	3.10
Simeon Dodge Jr.,	"	"	2.20
Albert W. Dodge,	"	"	.40
Elbridge Porter,	"	5,	23.65
A. Tinkham,	"	"	.50
Jason Williams,	"	"	.30
Fred F. Porter,	"	"	.60
Frank Tarr,	"	"	.60
M. Sullivan,	"	"	4.00
D. A. Homan,	"	6,	2.25
A. Hodgdon,	"	"	1.25
L. S. Lord,	"	"	.35
Frank Barnes,	"	"	.40
G. W. Jones,	"	"	.50
Elnathan Brown,	"	"	1.15
S. S. Cook,	"	7,	9.15
Otis Alley,	"	"	1.40
J. W. Tiney,	"	"	1.00
C. W. Tucker,	"	"	1.10

Paid Joseph Kent,	Ward	7,	$ 1.80
G. W. Peabody Jr.,	"	"	3.20
Chester S. Cook,	"	"	2.40
N. P. Perkins,	"	"	1.00
Henry A. Cook,	"	6,	.50
James T. Brown,	"	8,	1.20
Total,			$84.35

Poor Department.

GEORGE W. CHANNEL.

Paid F. A. Standley, board,	$13.72
James H. Perkins, clothing,	3.60
Charles Dreyfus, "	4.25
Total,	$21.57

BERTHA M. RANDALL.

Paid E. A. Dodge, board,	$103.00
" " " clothing,	2.00
S. E. Thayer, medical attendance,	1.00
Total,	$106.00

E. PLAISTED.

Paid City of Salem, supplies,	$30.00

MRS. FRANK TERRIO.

Paid City of Salem, supplies,	$49.19

JAMES E. PERRY.

Paid City of Salem, supplies,	$16.12

E. M. DODGE.

Paid Town of Hatfield, supplies,	$48.00

AUGUSTUS HUTCHINSON.

Paid Augustus Hutchinson, cash,	$10.00

Paid Charles Dreyfus, clothing,	$ 3.75
O. E. McQueeney, board,	58.50
Wm. S. Cummings, "	1.50
Dr. F. A. Cowles, medical attendance,	2.00
Total,	$75.75

KIMBALL H. DREW.

Paid Dr. F. A. Cowles, medical attendance,	$4.00
Codman & Shurtleff, truss,	3.00
Wm. S. Cummings, supplies,	1.25
Total,	$8.25

GEO. W. BABCOCK.

Paid Town of Melrose, supplies,	$393.28

ALBERT MOULTON.

Paid Geo. W. Peabody, board,	$34.00
Naumkeag Clothing Co.,	1.00
James H. Perkins, supplies,	3.05
Total,	$38.05

FAMILY OF RICHARD BURNHAM.

Paid Daniel Richards & Son,	$4.60
Lore & Russell, coal,	6.25
Town of Danvers, supplies,	93.12
Total,	$103.97

CHARLES O. TUTTLE.

Paid Albert Roberts, clothing,	$14.45

SARAH TERRIO.

Paid Sisters of Charity, Salem,	$60.00

VIENNA J. HOYT.

Paid Vienna J. Hoyt, cash,	$10.00

IVORY DAY.

Paid H. P. Woodbury, supplies,	$97.90

LUCY STRAVIS.

Paid Lynn Home for Aged Women,	$72.00

Lockup and Tramps.

Paid D. A. Homan, care of tramps,	$45.00
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	16.24
Wm. G. Webber & Co., supplies,	4 00
Warren Jones, filing saws,	.91
Total,	$66.15

Number of tramps for one year, 458.

Town House and Hall.

Paid Wellington Pool, care of town room and hall,	$44.45
" " cash paid for locks and labor,	.85
Geo. Creamer, funnel,	.45
Ivory Quinby, labor, painting,	110.00
" " cash paid for stock,	11.75
C. Ryerson, stock and labor, painting,	18.85
Boston and Maine Railroad,	.79
American Express,	.45
Gould & Cutler,	65.95
F. E. Stuart, eight settees,	24.42
John Girdler, coal,	15.00
Chas. W. Perkins, wood,	6.00
Wm. S. Cummings, wood and sash for window,	12.90
Owen E. McQueeny, two sponges,	1.00
Merrill & Mackintire, paper,	.60
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	11.94
Total,	$325.40

Park and Common.

Paid Wellington Pool, labor,	$10.83
Henry Hobbs, building fence,	10.00
Total.	$20.83

Fire Department.

Paid John Girdler, coal,	$19.25
D. C. Smith, "	3.75
Enon Engine Co., thirty-eight members,	76.00
James H. Perkins, supplies,	4.70
A. D. & W. F. Trowt,	9.89
H. H. Demsey, repairing engine,	6.00
Total.	$119.59

Library.

Paid Wellington Pool, care of room,	$ 1.00
George Litchfield, express,	.85
DeWolf, Fisk & Co., books,	91.70
Salem Book Store, binding,	1.50
Total,	$95.05

Incidentals.

Paid Wellington Pool, administering oaths,	$ 2.85
" " making and recording four cemetery deeds,	2.00
" " cash paid for expressage,	2.25
" " for blank licenses,	.50
" " hardware and sharpening lawn mower,	2.35

Paid Wellington Pool,	two journeys to Salem,	$2.00
" "	corporate seal,	8.50
" "	cash paid for printing,	2.50
" "	expense on seal and press,	1.00
" "	distributing by-laws,	1.25
" "	returning deaths as undertaker,	6.50
" "	cash paid Clerk of Court for recording by-laws,	8.00
Benj. H. Conant,	care of clock,	20.00
John Gentlee,	cash paid for tax book and license blank,	1.50
" "	teaming drain pipe,	3.25
" "	preparing valuation list for printer,	15.00
" "	distributing valuation books,	3.00
Wenham Veteran Association,		100.00
N. A. Horton,	printing,	95.00
G. A. Simmonds,	flag-staff,	26.00
H. H. Demsey,	irons for staff,	6.00
Ivory Quinby,	labor and stock on staff,	7.15
Wm. S. Cummings,	teaming drain pipe,	.75
" "	teaming staff and paint,	1.00
" "	removing and building snow fence,	6.50
" "	ashes from town house,	2.00
" "	cash paid for an account book,	.90
" "	teaming settees from Boston,	1.50
Whitcomb & Carter,	two picks and blasting material,	6.75
Boston and Maine R. R. Co.,	freight on staff,	.57
James T. Brown,	teaming drain pipe,	1.00
Joseph M. Parsons,	drain pipe,	35.17
D. C. Smith,	lumber,	2.32
R. W. Warren,	seal and press,	6.50

Paid Dr. C. W. Haddock, returning births,	$ 1.00
Treasurer of Commonwealth liquor license,	.25
S. E. Thayer, returning births,	1.00
Abbott Johnson, moderator,	3.00
Merrill & Mackintire, supplies,	1.80
Dr. Frank A. Cowles, returning births,	2.00
H. H. Demsey, sharpening drills and picks,	2.21
Total,	$392.82

Town Officers.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid N. P. Perkins, services one year,	$22.00
Elbridge Porter, " " "	26.00
" " taking census of school children,	4.00
Total,	$52.00

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Wellington Pool, services for one year,	$20.00
" " journey to Ipswich to return votes for representative,	2.00
" " postage and stationary,	2.39
" " recording births, marriages and deaths and returning the same to the Secretary of State,	15.20
Total,	$39.59

CONSTABLE AND POLICE.

Paid H. H. Demsey, services for one year,	$2.50

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Paid James H. Perkins,	1889,	$ 1.00
Frank H. Tarr,	1890,	1.70
S. E. Kimball,	"	1.70
Total,		$4.40

REGISTRARS.

Paid John Gentlee,	two days,	$ 4.00
James T. Brown,	" "	4.00
Wm. S. Cummings,	two days,	4.00
Wellington Pool,	one and one-half days,	3.00
" "	posting notices and preparing the same,	1.75
Total,		$16.75

SELECTMEN.

Paid John Gentlee,	seventeen days' services,	$28.90
" "	nine journeys out of town,	11.90
" "	conducting correspondence and preparing the return,	15.00
" "	cash for telegram,	.50
James T. Brown,	twelve and one-half days' services,	21.25
Wm. S. Cummings,	twelve and one-half days' services,	21.25
" "	journeys out of town,	1.70
Total,		$100.50

ASSESSORS.

Paid John Gentlee,	eleven days' services,	$22.00
James T. Brown,	seven days' services,	14.00
Wm. S. Cummings,	six and one-half days' services,	13.00
Total,		$49.00

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid John Gentlee,	services one year,	$10.00
James T. Brown,	services one year, one journey out of town,	7.50
Wm. S. Cummings,	services one year,	6.00
" "	supplies for a girl,	3.00
" "	three journeys out of town,	5.00
" "	lodging one traveller,	.50
Total,		$32.00

TREASURER.

Paid W. F. Trowt,	services for one year,	$50.00

COLLECTOR.

Paid Fred Stanton,	part salary 1890,	$45.00

State Aid.

Paid Mary P. Merrill,	under Act of 1889,	Chap.	301,		$48.00
Edward A. Monies,	"	"	"	"	24.00
John A. Hoyt,	"	"	"	"	48.00
Vienna J. Hoyt,	"	"	"	"	48.00
Warren Larrabee,	"	"	"	"	48.00
Harriet A. Larrabee,	"	"	"	"	48.00
Joseph Woodman,	"	"	"	"	48.00
Cyrus Tuttle,	"	"	"	"	8.00
Kimball H. Drew,	"	"	"	"	24.00
James M. Shattuck,	"	"	"	"	48.00
Julia A. Norcross,	"	"	"	"	28.00
Thomas H. Clark,	"	"	"	279,	120.00
Edward Plaisted,	"	"	"	"	72.00
James E. Perry,	"	"	"	"	56.00
Total,					$668.00

Abatements.

Orin F. Harwood,	one poll,	1889,	$2.00
Ira W. Hayward,	"	not liable,	2.00
Geo. H. Killam,	"		2.00
Warren Larrabee,	"		1.00
Fred A. Simpson,	"		2.00
Seth Tinkham,	"		2.00
John W. Tinkham,	"		2.00
Smith Tinkham,	"		2.00
John Trefry,	"	not liable,	2.00
Henry P. Wesel,	"		2.00
Joel Wilkins,	"	and personal,	2.25
N. P. Perkins,	too much	real,	2.00
L. Southwick,	"	"	.50
Helen Conant,	"	personal,	1.25
Total,			$25.00

Summary of Town Expenses.

Schools,	$1,675.11
School Incidentals,	306.03
Highway Wards,	1,108.71
Extra Highway,	812.65
Clearing Snow,	84.35
Poor,	1,144.53
Lock-up and Tramps,	66.15
Town House and Hall,	325.40
Park and Common,	20.33
Fire Department,	119.59
Library,	95.05
Incidentals,	392.82
State Aid,	668.00
Abatements,	25.00
Town Officers,	391.74
Total,	$7,235.46

Collectors' Account.

JAMES H. PERKINS, COLLECTOR FOR 1887, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

	Dr.
Balance due on tax list, 1887,	$1.85

P. H. KAVANAGH, COLLECTOR FOR 1888, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

	Dr.
Balance due on tax list, 1888,	$6.75
	Cr.
By payment to W. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	$4.75
Uncollected taxes,	2.00
Total,	$6.75

FRED P. STANTON, COLLECTOR FOR 1889, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

	Dr.
Balance due on tax list,	$135.85
	Cr.
By payment to W. F. Trowt. Treasurer,	$110.85
Uncollected taxes,	25.00
Total,	$135.85

FRED P. STANTON, COLLECTOR FOR 1890, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

	Dr.
To tax list committed to him to collect for 1890,	$6,010.00
Addition to tax list,	4.25
Total,	$6,014.25
	Cr.
By payment to W. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	$5,864.15
Uncollected taxes,	150.10
Total,	$6,014.25

Treasurer's Account.

WM. F. TROWT IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

	Dr.
Balance due in Treasury, Feb. 14, 1890,	$859.37
Received from Wellington Pool, for rent of town hall,	80.25
" " " " sale of cemetery lots,	53.50
" State school fund,	207.52
" " Corporation tax,	65.95
" " National bank tax,	293.94
" " Aid, chap. 279,	124.00
" " " " 301,	508.00
" County Treasurer, for dog tax,	126.84
" Druggists' license,	1.00
" Oleomargarine license,	.50
" W. F. Trowt, hay scales,	28.81
" Naumkeag Street Railway,	8.00
" Town of Leominster,	21.57
" P. H. Kavanagh,	4.75
" Fred P. Stanton,	5,975.00
Total,	$8,359.00

PAYMENTS.

	Cr.
Paid Interest on town debt,	$147.50
" Temporary loans,	75.83
" Cemetery fund,	16.41
State tax,	472.50
County tax,	518.04
Selectmen's orders,	7,235.46
	$8,465.74
Balance due the Treasurer,	106.74
Total,	$8,359.00

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real estate,	$453,250.00
Personal estate,	96,775.00
Total,	$550,025.00

Number of polls, 257.

Tax on polls,	$514.00
" real and personal estate at $1 per $100.	5,500.25
Total,	$6,014.25

Financial Statement of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Note due State of Massachusetts,	$2,500.00
" Estate of J. Low,	700.00
" Trustees of cemetery fund,	475.00
" Legacy of Mary Perkins with interest to Feb. 1st, 1891,	2,783.49
Estimated amount of outstanding bills.	600.00
Total,	$7,058.49

RESOURCES.

Due from the State for State Aid.	$544.00
" Fred P. Stanton,	175.10
" P. H. Kavanagh,	2.00
" James H. Perkins,	1.85
" Naumkeag Street Railway,	6.50
Total,	$729.45
Balance against the town Feb. 16, 1891.	$6,329.04

In accordance with a vote of the town the Selectmen submit the following sums to defray the ordinary expenses :—

Schools,	$1,400.00
" Incidentals,	200.00
Poor,	1,100.00
Incidentals,	1,200.00
Highway,	1,000.00
Library,	25.00
Fire Department,	150.00
Interest,	275.00
Total,	$5,350.00

JOHN GENTLEE,
JAMES T. BROWN,
WM. S. CUMMINGS,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

The undersigned has examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and the bills on file with the orders corresponding thereto.

SIMEON DODGE, Jr., Auditor.

Town Clerk's Report, 1890.

MARRIAGES.

Eleven marriage certificates were issued, and 24 marriages recorded, 21 of which were solemnized in town. Both parties of 3 couples were residents, and both parties of 11 couples were non-residents; of the others 5 of the grooms and 5 of the brides were also residents. With all but 2 of the grooms and 2 of the brides it was the first marriage. All but 5 were of American birth.

BIRTHS.

There were 14 births, 5 males and nine females; 13 were of American and one of mixed parentage.

DEATHS.

There were 17 deaths, including one (a child) non-resident. All but one were of American birth. Seven were born in Wenham.

Ages: Three were about one year, one 21, one 24, one 33, one 46, one 48, one 49, one 53, one 59, one 65, one 66, one 72, one 76, one 77, one 89. Five were removed to other places for interment.

In addition to the foregoing, 6 were brought to Wenham for interment, 2 of whom died near the close of the preceding year. Four were formerly residents. Also 3 others were brought here for reinterment.

DOGS.

Eighty-nine dogs,—84 males and 5 females—were licensed; and from the money received therefor the sum of $175.20 was paid into the County Treasury. The sum returned to the Town Treasury was $126.84.

WELLINGTON POOL, Town Clerk.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

ESSEX, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Wenham, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, and who have been duly registered as voters in said town, to meet at the Town Hall in said Wenham, on Monday, the second day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To act on the annual report of the Selectmen.

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriations of the same and determine the manner of collecting.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire such sums of money in anticipation of the taxes as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to renew notes that may become due or hire money to replace the same and hire money to pay bills that are now due or may become due the first part of the year, under the direction of the Selectmen.

ART. 7. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The ballots shall be "Yes" or "No."

ART. 8. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of

money for the expenses of Memorial Day under the direction of the sailors and soldiers of Wenham.

Art. 10. To see if the town will raise a sufficient sum of money to pay the State Aid for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to truant scholars.

Art. 12. To see what action the town will take in regard to removing the fence around the common. And also remove the old half-mile stone standing by the front entrance to the common and reset the same at the northeasterly corner of the L of the town house.

Art. 13. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof, one at each of the public meeting-houses and at A. D. and W. F. Trowt's store and the chapel at Mapleville and at the eastern part at John K. Dodge's, in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this sixteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

JOHN GENTLEE,
JAMES T. BROWN,
WM. S. CUMMINGS,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

WENHAM
SCHOOL REPORT.

1891.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1891.

SALEM:
PRESS OF THE ESSEX COUNTY MERCURY.
1891.

REPORT.

The School Committee of Wenham submit the following report :—

The Committee received and paid out for the maintenance of the public schools, as follows :—

Town appropriation,	$1,400.00
State school fund,	207.52
Dog tax,	126.84
	$1,734.36
Paid for teaching,	1,483.00
" fuel,	119.00
" care of rooms and building fires,	72.53
	$1,674.53
Paid for books, stationery and school-room supplies,	$94.51

Number of persons in town on the first day of May, 1890, between five and fifteen years of age, 130.

Number of public schools, 5.

Number of different pupils of all ages, in the public schools during the year, 133.

Number attending during the year over fifteen years of age, 6.

Average membership of all the schools, 101.2.

Average attendance in all the public schools during the year, 92.4.

The per cent. of attendance based upon the average membership, 91.3.

Notwithstanding the number of persons in town between five and fifteen years of age was less than for any time during the last seven years, yet the average membership and attend-

ance, and per cent. of attendance based upon the average membership are higher. This will be apparent by a comparison of the year just closed with that of the preceding. The number of persons in town of school age for 1889, was 135; that of 1890, was 130; average membership for 1889, was 99.2; that of 1890, was 101.2; per cent of attendance for 1889, was 90.5; that of 1890, was 91.3, a progress in the right direction.

During the summer vacation the outside of the West School house was painted, the location of the out-building changed and the building itself altered and enlarged so as to conform to the requirement,—of "S. C. Hunt, Mass. Dist. Police and State Inspector of Factories and Public Buildings,"—as mentioned in the report of last year. The primary school-room was painted and papered, the chimney taken down and its location changed, by which alteration the ventilation of the room is greatly improved. The primary and grammar school-rooms are now in excellent condition and the ventilation, though not perfect, is unusually good.

THE DUTIES OF PARENTS TO SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The education of the masses, in its relation to the home and society, is of the utmost importance. Such education, including that of the body, mind and soul, is the essential element which must enter into human welfare and human progress.

The parents, who are really interested in the education of their children, will be anxious to visit the schools, in a sense superintending their education, trusting to no one to care for these jewels of the home, without manifesting a personal interest. This can be done only by frequent visits on the part of parents. In the absence of such visits, what will be the natural inference of the child in reference to the interest felt

by such parents? If there are no visits, the teachers have a right to infer that such parents care but little about the education of their children, and if not more than usually conscientious, it will be strange if there is not a corresponding indifference on the part of the teacher.

Should the committee prove equally lax in duty, seldom visiting schools save on special occasions and exhibitions—which are rarely of much importance, not indicating the real progress made in the acquisition of valuable knowledge,—a general superficiality, a diminished interest in real education would legitimately follow. If there is no supervision of teachers, unless they differ widely from the mass of mortals, they will gradually become indifferent and unfaithful to their trust. The most potent of all influences has its origin in the family. If character is to be formed, true and correct principles inculcated, it is here that they must originate. If our common school system is to be sustained, encouraged, urged onward and upward to its highest state of perfection, the most favorable influence is here to be found.

To the extent that parents manifest an interest in whatever pertains to the schools, their welfare, their influence in molding society, promoting the welfare of their children, they will exert an influence in sustaining the schools, second in no respect to that of the teacher. If the loving and conscientious mother would discharge her duty to her family and the school, she will so arrange her household affairs as to have her children ready for school in season, avoiding tardiness and absence, since these necessarily produce confusion and loss, really interfering with the rights of the school. In the case of an absence for a single day, the absentee loses a few lessons and principles, necessary to the full understanding of the subject, the explanation of which unnecessarily taxes the teacher, to say nothing of hindering the class. When such an absence is further prolonged, it necessitates either keeping the class back for a certain period, or the degradation of the absent

one to a lower class, which is the only fair way of adjusting the matter, however much this may be complained of by the thoughtless parents! Aside from sickness, accidents, etc., these cases of tardiness and absence may be prevented, certainly, by a full and faithful discharge of the duties of the parents to the schools, their children, to society, to the world, society being fairly represented by its constituent families.

We will say at this point, that those who do not frequently visit the schools, in person, to judge for themselves of the capacity and fidelity of the teacher, the principles taught, the methods adopted, the character of the discipline,—everything relating to a good school,—will show their good sense and fairness, by being very careful of their criticisms, lest they do great injustice to the teacher. Such thoughtless or indifferent parents can really know but little of the condition of the school, not enough to pass judgment, not enough to censure that of which they really know nothing. Their children may not intend to be untruthful, but simply give one side, their idea of the matter, while those too young to be heard in our courts should not be deemed capable of giving statements correctly. No teacher should be judged and condemned, simply by the one-sided views of one who has been reprimanded or punished in school! It is always fair and honorable to listen to the defence, to hear both sides. It is not too much to say that frequent friendly visits to our schools would obviate a very large per cent. of the parental criticisms, encourage the teachers to do their duty to the fullest extent, demonstrate to the children that the parents are much interested in the schools and their personal welfare —time profitably spent.

NECK SCHOOL.

Mrs. Minnie J. Miller continued her services in this school, services rendered valuable, not only by a previous acquaintance, but by her industry and love of the work, of whose

experience and ability as a teacher we need not speak. After four years spent in the same school, the teacher has established a character, which is not dependent upon annually repeated commendation. It may, in brief, be said however, that the school while under Mrs. Miller's care lost none of the energetic, investigating and progressive character for which it was distinguished in previous years.

At the beginning of the school it was apparent to those having the care of its supervision that teacher and pupils had entered upon their year's work with more than their usual zeal and earnestness.

Early in the school year the teacher mapped out the ground she wished to cover by her instruction, in regard to the subjects in the several branches to be taught. With her work thus well laid out and clearly defined in her own mind, she gave herself unsparingly to the accomplishment of her ardent desire, viz: that of placing her school upon a higher and broader intellectual plane than she had ever been able to do during the four preceding years.

The efforts of the teacher, to improve upon the work and acquirements of previous years, were well seconded by the pupils, especially the older ones, who gave themselves heartily to the task of accomplishing so commendable and desirable an object.

The visits of the committee to this school were occasions of genuine pleasure, as the neatness of the school-room, the good order and attention of the pupils to the work of the hour were observed; and these visits were rendered still more enjoyable, when the classes came up for recitation, by the promptness and comprehensiveness of the answers given and the general knowledge evinced of the subject under consideration. Much work was done and well done, during the summer and first part of the fall term, fully realizing the high expectation entertained at the beginning of the year.

During the fifth week of the fall term Mrs. Miller asked to

be relieved, for a while, of the care of her school, on account of impaired health, and recommended Miss Ruth A. Bradstreet of Topsfield as the person she would like to have take charge of the school during her absence. Mrs. Miller's request was granted, and Miss Bradstreet took charge of the school as a substitute, which position she held to the close of the fall term, seven weeks. A few days before the commencement of the winter term, Mrs. Miller wrote to the committee that, "she very much desired to complete the work she had marked out, but ill health compelled her to resign," and Miss Ruth A. Bradstreet who had taught the school so successfully during the latter part of the fall term was appointed her successor.

Miss Bradstreet is a lady of good attainments and some experience as a teacher. Her method of instruction is critical and systematic, the great design evidently being to inspire a love for scientific research, "to draw out mind" and encourage self-reliance. In taking charge of the school as a substitute teacher (a position always difficult to fill), she desired and labored to conduct the exercises in such a manner that the pupils would feel no abrupt change, either in the government or the method of imparting instruction. In each of these particulars she was very successful, so that one in visiting the school would hardly believe that there had been a change of teachers. During the seven weeks that she substituted, she performed her duties in a satisfactory manner and steady progress was made by the pupils.

In assuming the duties of the school for the winter term, Miss Bradstreet entered upon her work under the most favorable circumstances, she knowing her pupils and they having the highest respect and confidence in her as a teacher.

In visiting the school, it was gratifying to observe the gradual but sure progress made. The order was uniformly good. A spirit of mutual confidence, kindness and good will was manifest, constituting the school-room a pleasant

and profitable place A noticeable and commendable feature of the teacher's method of conducting the recitations, was her freedom from the use of text books, being herself familiar with the subject matter of the recitation and fully comprehending the subject herself, it was by no means difficult to convey correct ideas, leaving clear impressions

While all of the required branches received their appropriate share of attention, we would especially commend the interest taken and progress made in the study of mental arithmetic by the *older* pupils of the school. This, as a disciplinary and practical study, should be made more prominent and receive more attention in all of the other schools in town

Excellent work was done during the year, and although the school was closed without a public examination, on account of the scarlet fever, both teachers are deserving of high commendation for the faithful and efficient manner in which they taught and disciplined the school.

Not absent during the summer term—Alice Dodge, Sadie Prince and John Philbrick ; fall term—Sadie Prince and John Philbrick.

EAST SCHOOL.

This school was taught by Miss Annie F. Esgate, of South Tamworth, N. H. a lady of ability, a good scholar and disciplinarian, having had previous experience in teaching. Her examination, as to qualification and fitness for the position of teacher, was perfectly satisfactory.

In taking charge of the school, Miss Esgate was conscious of the fact that she was the successor of a faithful and very successful teacher. She entered upon her school duties with an evident purpose that nothing should be wanting on her part, so far as she was able, to make the school a real suc-

cess. The first appearance of the school after her connection with it, gave favorable indications that it had been committed to the care of an earnest, conscientious and faithful teacher; and subsequent visits fully justified those impressions and afforded additional evidence of the thoroughness of the work done. Her method of instruction was systematic, thorough and critical, having more regard for *quality* than *quantity*. Clear in her explanations, variable in her illustrations, thoroughly comprehending the subject under consideration, it was easy to convey definite and correct ideas to the pupils under her care. The school was well taught and governed and its regulations were accompanied with that thorough mental training which is essential to all true intellectual development.

While all of the reading exercises received that careful attention, on the part of the teacher, that their importance requires, the class of little ones who received their first impressions of school-life largely from Miss Esgate, and who had just commenced to ascend the hill of knowledge, which to such young minds is the "hill difficulty," is deserving of special commendation for the progress made in the first rudiments of education. The instruction in reading to the beginners was mostly from the black-board, and it was a pleasure to observe the lively interest of these little ones in their reading exercises and the promptness with which they would respond to the questions of the teacher. Fair progress was made by the pupils in the elementary arithmetic; in written arithmetic the work was thorough and critical, reasons for every step in the operations being required, and the pupils, whenever questioned by the committee, showed unusual familiarity with the definitions, principles and rules of the science.

The study of grammar, which is often too much neglected, received its full share of attention, and very satisfactory results were realized. In the study of geography, free use

was made of the black-boards in drawing the outlines of the state or country under consideration and locating the principal cities, mountains, etc., which added much to the practical benefits to be derived from this branch of study. The work in physiology was rendered very much more attractive and practical by the introduction of "Yaggy's Anatomical Study," which has been used in each of the schools where physiology has been taught, greatly to the advantage of the pupils pursuing this study. The occasional examination of the classes in history showed them to be very familiar with those portions which they had studied. Very commendable progress was made in drawing, a branch of school work that is too much neglected in our schools.

The work, during the year was as follows: In arithmetic, the primary class, exercises in addition; the second class, addition, subtraction and multiplication, including oral exercises in mental; the third class, reading and writing numbers and the four fundamental rules; the fourth class, common and decimal fractions, compound numbers, mensuration of surfaces and solids; the fifth class, percentage, taxes, simple and compound interest, equation of payments and average of accounts. In geography, oral instruction was the work given to the class of beginners; the second class, the Pacific states and territories, South America, Europe, Africa and Oceanica; the third class, South America, Northern, Southern and Central Europe. In history, the first class, the entire book, entitled "Child's History"; the second class, from Madison's to Pierce's Administration, including the war of 1812 and the war with Mexico. The class in grammar took up the parts of speech, conjugation, parsing and analysis of sentences. The class in physiology studied the framework of the body, the bones, muscles, skin, food and drink, digestion and respiration. In regard to the work done in each of the foregoing branches, a good report could be given.

The public examination of this school, which took place on

Wednesday P. M., Feb. 25, afforded ample evidence of the teacher's industry and aptitude in the instruction of her school. The reading and spelling were generally good, especially the latter. In geography and grammar the recitations were prompt and correct, the answers to questions being given without hesitation and in a distinct manner. The class in physiology, by the readiness with which the pupils responded to the questions of both teacher and committee, gave good evidence that they had done excellent work in this study. The recitations in arithmetic and history were excellent. While fair improvement was made in writing, we would especially commend the work done in drawing. The reading of compositions, speaking of pieces and singing added to the interest of the occasion. The results of the year's work, as shown by the examination, fully realized the expectations of those having the supervision of the school.

Not absent during the fall term—Louis H. Preston, Clarence Preston, Lizzie D. Preston, Fanny Wyatt and Nellie Preston. Winter term—Josie W. Williams, Lizzie D. Preston, Clara Williams and Lizzie Williams. During the year —Florence M. Stillman.

WEST SCHOOL.

This school was committed to the charge of Miss Martha E. Dodge of Hamilton, a beginner in the art of teaching. It is not unusual upon the introduction into school of a new teacher, that it requires time, decision and persevering effort to bring the school into good working order under its changed condition; this school formed no exception to the general rule. This pioneer work of establishing order and enforcing obedience to wholesome regulations having been accomplished, the work of the school, in respect to study and recitations, was prosecuted with a good degree of success.

The teacher was faithful in the discharge of her duties, mild, yet firm in her government, and generally the kindest relations existed between herself and her pupils.

Miss Dodge labored zealously and perseveringly to promote the highest mental development of those under her charge. During the first visit, at the commencement of the year, a favorable impression was made upon the committee, justifying strong hopes of the school, as connected with the teacher's general method of conducting the exercises. It was evident that she brought to the work a commendable interest and that she endeavored to discharge her duties conscientiously and faithfully.

In the recitations there were evidences of correct methods of instruction, with a good degree of thoroughness, the instruction given being highly practical. There was, however, one thing wanting. It was manifest that there was an absence, in some degree, of that vivacity, spirit and *vim* so necessary to energize and vitalize a school, so essential to develop and foster promptness, enthusiasm and effectiveness in the pursuit of study, and to inspire an interest in school exercises. The attention of the school was called to this point and subsequent visits gave proof of a decided improvement.

Whenever the school was visited by the committee the order and discipline were very satisfactory, and while there were evidences of a good degree of improvement in all of the required studies, in some there were marked proofs of the progress made.

In previous reports of this school we have called attention to the fact that more attention should be given to spelling, not only on account of its being the study in which the pupils were most deficient, but also from the great importance that is to be attached to this branch of school work. It gives us much pleasure, therefore, to bear testimony to the excellent work that has been accomplished in this particular study dur-

ing the past school year.

The work in reading was a continuation of that which had been so well commenced the preceding year, and the results realized were very gratifying. Mental arithmetic, during the fall and winter terms, received its full share of attention and the progress made was good. The work of the school was interrupted and retarded during the first term on account of the prevalence of the measles. Barring the detention by sickness the average per cent. of attendance was good.

The work of the year included the following studies, and the portion studied in each: In arithmetic, the primary class have taken the four fundamental rules in connection with mental exercises; the third class, decimals, U. S. money, compound numbers and reduction; the second class, measurements, percentage and simple interest; the first class, partial payments, compound interest, discount, stocks and bonds, domestic and foreign exchange. In geography, the third class have taken New England, Middle Atlantic, Southern and Central States; the second class, North, British and Central America, Mexico, West Indies, New England, Middle and Southern States; the first class during the winter term, studied Europe and Africa. The classes in grammar, the parts of speech, analysis and parsing. In history, the third class have been over the Revolutionary war in the small history; the second class Epoch III. in Barnes' History; the first class, Epoch IV. In physiology, the pupils have been through the book entitled "First Lessons in Physiology." Reading, writing, spelling and composition have received their appropriate share of attention, in all of which commendable progress has been made.

The public examination, which took place on Thursday, P. M., Feb. 26th, afforded ample evidence of the teacher's industry and zeal in the instruction of her school. Notwithstanding the very unfavorable condition of the weather and travelling, the examination was attended by a good number

of the parents and friends of the school, and gave good satisfaction.

In reading, very commendable improvement was noticeable. The spelling, in all of the classes, was excellent. The recitations in geography, in connection with map-drawing upon the black-boards and the location of important places, mountains, rivers, etc., were unusually good. The classes in arithmetic and grammar gave a good exhibit of the work of the year. The examination of the classes in history and physiology gave excellent satisfaction. The exercises were interspersed with singing, reading of compositions and the recitation of pieces.

Not absent during the fall term—Nellie M. Peabody, Sidney Cook and Willie Cook; winter term—Perley N. Dodge.

CENTRE PRIMARY.

Our State law requires for the lowest grade of schools, that the teacher be competent to give instruction in orthography, reading, writing, English grammar, geography and arithmetic, and be of good moral character, with capacity to govern, and competent to teach good behaviour. This is a wholesome requirement of law, and should be kept both to the letter and the spirit. Notwithstanding this legal requirement, the impression seems to exist in the minds of very many, that *any* person of ordinary intelligence is sufficiently educated and qualified to teach a primary school, whether such person has had a proper training or not. Such seem to forget or do not realize that something more is required than a knowledge of the alphabet and multiplication table, and a disposition and ability to frighten children into obedience. A primary teacher, to be successful, must have a love for children and be apt to teach; neither experience nor the want of it, alone qualify or disqualify. Some have by nature gifts

and aptitude for teaching, while others are naturally defective and have not, nor cannot acquire them. It is a delicate and responsible position to have charge of a primary school,— "Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined."

In selecting a teacher, therefore, for the Centre primary school, the committee were not insensible to the fact that it was a position difficult to fill. The school was given in charge of Miss Bertha M. Durgin of Limeric, Me., who taught through the year. Miss Durgin is a lady of some experience as a teacher and came well recommended by those who had supervised her work in the schools she had taught. When she took charge of the school, it was in an excellent condition, and it seemed her aim and purpose that it should fully sustain its former rank. She labored persistently and untiringly to accomplish this purpose. The first visit to the school furnished ample evidence that the teacher had brought to her work a large share of energy and was not wanting in interest, so that if at the close of the year the school should fail to maintain its previous position, the cause of such failure would have to be looked for in some other direction than in a want of interest or effort on the part of the teacher.

In observing Miss Durgin's method of imparting instruction, her apparent adaptation and fitness for the position in which she had been placed, the zeal and energy with which she had entered upon her work, we felt that the interests of this school had been committed to faithful hands. Upon a second visit it was evident that the relation between teacher and pupils was none other than pleasant, and that she did all in her power to interest and advance those committed to her care.

During the latter part of the summer term we felt that there was not sufficient system and order to secure the best results, to which the attention of the teacher was directed. The suggestions were promptly acted upon, and much improvement was apparent, particularly during the fall and winter terms.

which the little ones manifested much interest. In commencing the study of geography with the younger pupils, the teacher employed the oral method, and a commendable beginning was made in this study. The arithmetical work of the school, after the removal of the first class, was the committing to memory of the multiplication table as far as the 12s and the addition and substraction of simple numbers.

Miss Durgin was fortunate in her method of changing the ordinary routine of school work by the occasional introduction of calisthenics and singing, in which all of the pupils seemed to be very much interested and which the committee heartily approve and commend. Teacher, pupils and parents are deserying of commendation for the excellent attendance secured during the year, which was 94 per cent.

The examination, which was held on Friday, A. M., Feb. 27th, and was attended by a large number of the patrons and friends of the school, gave general satisfaction.

In reading, very fair progress was apparent. The spelling and the recitations in geography were good. The classes in arithmetic were not as satisfactory as in other exercises. Singing, speaking of pieces and calisthenics, gave a pleasing variety to the examination. Not absent during the summer term—Annie King, Mattie Porter, Willie Bancroft, Walter Homan, Howard Knowlton, Eben Stanley, Arthur Trowt, Harry Brewer and Eugene Guilds; fall term—Mattie Porter, Carrie Plaisted, Ethel Batchelder, Ernest Eaton, Howard Knowlton and Eben Stanley; winter term—Emma Stanley and Harry Brewer.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This department was under the charge of Miss Jennie S. Bertwell, whose experience and connection with the school

of the East District, for the past six years, were natural guarantees of success.

At the first visit to the school it was evident that a pleasant feeling existed between Miss Bertwell and her pupils, foreshadowing agreeable relations in the prosecution of the studies. Energy, efficiency and a happy adaptation, distinguished the teacher's services and rendered them valuable.

The steady advancement of the pupils in the various branches pursued contributed to the pleasantness and profitableness of the year's labor. The classification was good and all of the studies received a due share of attention. The teacher's object was, not to see how fast or how far her pupils could proceed, but to have them *thorough* in what they did. The study of grammar received special attention, and excellent results were realized. No undue prominence was given either to analysis or parsing, but the two were combined, thereby rendering the study, not only more interesting but more beneficial by the practical application of the principles and rules of these branches of study, which method we fully approve and commend as productive of the best results.

Geography was taught in a thoroughly practical manner by the use of the black-boards in drawing outlines of states, naming and locating mountains, rivers, cities, etc., in addition to the recitation from the text book; and the study was rendered still more attractive by the introduction and use of "Yaggy's Geographical Study."

In arithmetic the pupils were thoroughly drilled, the principles and rules being practically applied, enabling them to demonstrate their arithmetical problems with analytical exactness, thereby furnishing unmistakable proof that they were trained to habits of thought and self-dependence. The work of the year of the first class in arithmetic, included ratio and proportion, banking, discount and taxes; the second class reviewed common and decimal fractions and went as far as the six per cent. method in interest.

In the study and recitations of history and physiology, while the method pursued was the more common one of questions and answers, rather than by topics, the results attained were highly commendable. The work of the first class in history was confined to the study of the Revolutionary, Mexican and Civil Wars; the second class, from the discovery of America to the close of the Revolutionary war. In physiology, the first class took up circulation, the five senses, respiration and absorption; the second class nearly the same subjects as the first in a text book, entitled, "Lessons in Physiology and Hygiene."

Soon after the beginning of the fall term the pupils of the first class in the primary department were transferred to this school, so that the two departments were brought more nearly together in point of number of pupils. Judging from the increased interest manifested by the pupils thus admitted, in their school duties, and the advancement made in their respective studies, the transfer was a wise one.

A noteworthy feature and one indicative of the progressive character of the school, during the year, was the marked gain in the regularity of daily attendance. By a little comparison this will at once be apparent. For the year ending March 1888, the per cent. of daily attendance was 87.4; that of 1889 was 87.5; that of 1890 was 83.3 and that of the year just closed 95; which, instead of being the lowest, as it has been, was the highest per cent. of attendance of any school in town.

The public examination of the school took place on Friday P. M., February 27th, which was well attended by the parents of the pupils and friends of the school, all of whom manifested an unabated interest to the close.

In reading, good improvement was shown by a distinct articulation, correct inflection and proper attention to the pauses. The spelling of all the classes was perfectly satisfactory. The pupils in geography, by their prompt and

correct answers, exhibited a ready familiarity with those states and countries of which they had studied. The recitations in grammar afforded ample evidence that this study had received the attention that its importance requires. The promptness and accuracy of the first class showed a familiarity, not only with the principles of grammar, but also with their practical application to parsing and analysis. In arithmetic, the recitations were marked by great freedom and exactness in giving the reasons for every process, and the examples upon the black-boards were wrought with dispatch. There was a promptness in the application of arithmetical rules and principles which could only have been acquired by patient study and careful training. The recitations in physiology and history were particularly good.

The exercises of the afternoon were varied by singing, reading of compositions and speaking of pieces; and all present appeared *well satisfied* with the results of the year's instruction so far as they could be exhibited on such an occasion. Those who addressed the school spoke in terms of high commendation for the work done and the results realized.

Not absent during the winter term—Mamie E. Quimby, Freddie Pulsifer, Nelson Porter, Alfred Cummings and Charles McQueeney; during the year—Annie Trowt, Naomi Tinkham.

FRANCIS M. DODGE,
ELBRIDGE PORTER,
N. P. PERKINS,
} *School Committee of Wenham.*

Wenham

Annual Town Report

1891-2

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 17, 1892,

WITH THE

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

SALEM:
PRESS OF THE ESSEX COUNTY MERCURY.
1892.

REPORT.

School Department.

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid A. F Esgate,	teaching winter term, 1890,	$96.00
" " "	spring term, 1891,	108.00
" " "	summer term, 1891,	99.00
F. W. Stillman,	care of room and building fires,	9.50
J. K. Dodge,	wood,	18.00
	Total	$330.50

NECK SCHOOL.

Paid Ruth N. Bradstreet,	teaching winter term, 1890,	$99.00
" " "	spring term, 1891,	108.00
E. N. Purinton,	" summer term, 1891,	82.50
S. C. Prince,	care of room and building fires,	9.00
Charles Wilkins,	wood,	22.50
	Total,	$321.00

CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Paid Bertha M. Durgin,	teaching winter term, 1890,	$90.00
" " "	spring term, 1891,	90.00
" " "	summer term, 1891,	90.00
Wellington Pool,	care of fires and room,	17.00
John Girdler,	coal,	17.50
	Total	$304.50

CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid J. S. Burtwell, teaching winter term, 1890,	$108.00
Bertha H. Burnham, " spring term, 1891,	105.50
Sadie F. Bragdon, " summer term, 1891,	99.00
Wellington Pool, care of fires,	15.00
L. P. Crowell, care of room,	10.00
John Girdler, coal,	45.00
Total,	$382.50

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid M. E. Dodge, teaching winter term, 1890,	$96.00
Lizzie M. Brown, " spring term, 1891,	96.00
" " " summer term, 1891,	88.00
A. Alley, care of room,	10.25
C. C. Soper, cleaning room,	2.00
John Girdler, coal,	20.63
Joseph G. Kent, wood,	8.00
S. C Alley, building fires,	6.05
Total,	$326.93

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Paid American Book Company,	$12.27
Boston School Supply Co.,	55.60
Ruth N. Bradstreet, books,	1.00
Merrill & Mackintire,	11.93
O. C. Hinchcliffe, two clocks,	10.00
J. K. Dodge, stock and labor on East School	4.45
D. C. Smith, supplies,	8.05
C. F. Elliott, stock and labor on Grammar School,	16.18
George Roundy, lumber,	14.48
H. S. Cook, stock and labor on West School,	2.00
Wellington Pool, labor on funnel,	.30
F. M. Dodge, books and supplies and expenses,	17.46
Chester S. Cook, labor,	.68

Paid Stephen Cook, labor,	$ .68
Frank B. Trask, supplies,	7.35
G. H. Woodberry, stock and labor,	13.50
J. B. Brown, cash paid,	6.40
D. C. Smith, brick,	5.00
Total,	$187.33

Highway Department.

ELBRIDGE PORTER, COMMISSIONER.

WARD ONE.

Paid Addison Williams,	$13.60
Philip Morrell,	5.95
Timothy Higgins,	1.70
D. W. Preston,	11.90
Charles E. Wyatt, gravel,	6.00
J. K. Dodge,	22.10
Total,	$61.25

WARD TWO.

Paid R. F. Dodge,	$52.35
C. T. Brown,	11.56
F. S. Lovett, Jr.,	3.06
Jacob Brown,	21.01
O. P. Thompson,	7.65
Jane Johnson,	8.50
John Gentlee,	43.66
Total,	$147.79

WARD THREE.

Paid F. M. Dodge,	$18.15
Charles Wilkins,	13.80
Nicholas Dodge,	3.06

Paid	J. W. Curtis,	$ 1.53
	Wm. T. Tucker,	3.06
	David Pingree,	6.12
	C. O. Killam,	8.12
	Z. Cole,	15.79
	S. R. Prince,	12.23
	F. R. Edwards,	15.10
	C. O. Putnam,	8.82
	Total,	$105.78

WARD FOUR.

Paid	Simeon Dodge, Jr.,	$22.31
	Wm. P. Dodge,	24.86
	Dennis Harrigan,	3.40
	F. R. Edwards, gravel,	5.41
	Total,	$55.98

WARDS FIVE, SIX AND NINE.

Paid	Elbridge Porter,	$60.86
	Fred Porter,	11.73
	T. W. Batchelder,	27.82
	F. H. Dunham, gravel,	6.80
	E. E. Soper,	14.45
	Chester Dodge,	8.50
	A. W. Trowt,	12.58
	H. C. Cook,	7.14
	M. Sullivan,	6.37
	J. F. Batchelder,	35.48
	E. Tinkham,	3.57
	D. Harrigan,	1.19
	J. L. Batchelder,	17.00
	Wm. S. Cummings,	14.70
	C. W. Perkins,	14.70
	John Sargent,	18.00
	Dennis Harrigan,	6.00

Paid J. Kavanagh,	$ 17.15
P. H. Kavanagh,	4.90
Frank Plaisted,	1.70
F. A. Standley, gravel,	23.50
Total,	$314.14

WARD SEVEN.

Paid Edmund Batchelder,	$ 1.70
N. P. Perkins,	12.10
A. T. Putnam,	9.35
Herbert W. Stanton,	1.70
M. A. Trowt,	5.10
E. Soper,	8.50
Geo. Perkins,	6.46
C. F. Cook,	19.12
Stephen Cook,	19.12
Charles Striley,	10.62
J. A. Wesel,	5.95
H. N. Burpee,	2.72
A. H. Peabody,	14.70
H. S. Cook,	5.10
Harvey Pierce, gravel,	1.00
Chester Dodge,	5.10
P. H. Kavanagh,	9.80
William B. Morgan,	.30
Joseph G. Kent,	10.20
Luther W. Batchelder,	7.64
S. S. Cook,	3.40
D. P. Towne, gravel,	2.65
John Flint,	10.05
Elbridge Porter,	24.50
Total,	$196.88

WARD EIGHT.

Paid J. T. Brown,	$47.67
C. H. Stanton.	16.16

Paid	John Flint, gravel,	$ 4.50
	H. N. Burpee,	12.40
	Dennis Harrigan,	6.80
	Chester Dodge,	5.10
	J. A. Wesel,	4.76
	Herbert S. Stanton,	1.70
	E. L. Kimball,	31.40
	Erving Avery,	.34
	T. Hanson,	4.90
	Wm. S. Cummings,	9.80
	Joseph Wesel,	3.20
	Total,	$148.73

Snow Department.

ELBRIDGE PORTER, ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Paid	Addison Williams,	Ward one,	$3.40
	J. K. Dodge,	" "	4.40
	C. T. Brown,	" two,	8.20
	John Gentlee,	" "	14.60
	R. F. Dodge,	" "	4.95
	O. P. Thompson,	" "	1.60
	Jacob Brown,	" "	1.00
	Geo. W. Johnson,	" "	2.10
	F. T. Johnson,	" "	2.90
	F. S. Lovett, Jr.,	" "	2.10
	Chas. Wilkins,	" three,	11.65
	F. M. Dodge,	" "	11.05
	Z. Cole,	" "	4.60
	Austin Norcross	" "	1.00
	Otis Manuel,	" "	1.00
	Frank Fields,	" "	1.00
	J. W. Curtis,	" "	2.00
	F. R. Edwards,	" "	.40

Paid C. O. Killam,	Ward	One,	$ 7.40
J. P. Conant,	"	"	.60
Nicholas Dodge,	"	"	.70
Wm. P. Dodge,	"	five,	14.58
Chas. E. Dodge,	"	"	1.00
Elbridge Porter,	"	"	23.70
M. Sullivan,	"	"	8.70
M. A. Trowt,	"	"	1.80
Fred F. Porter,	"	"	2.80
E. Soper,	"	"	.80
T. W. Batchelder	"	"	2.40
Edmund Batchelder,	"	"	1.60
J. L. Batchelder,	"	"	.40
E. Tinkham,	"	"	2.20
J. F. Batchelder,	"	"	3.60
D. A. Homan,	"	six	4.00
Warren Jones,	"	"	3.90
Geo. W. Jones,	"	"	.20
E. D. Brown,	"	"	3.50
A. Hodgdon,	"	"	2.60
H. A. Cook,	"	"	.90
Chester S. Cook,	"	seven.	4.70
S. S. Cook,	"	"	6.59
L. W. Batchelder,	"	"	2.00
N. P. Perkins,	"	"	6.20
G. W. Peabody, Jr.,	"	"	5.20
H. S. Cook,	"	"	2.40
A. T. Putnam,	"	"	5.20
J. G. Kent,	"	"	2.80
Stephen Cook,	"	"	1.60
H. N. Burpee,	"	"	1.40
J. T. Brown,	"	eight,	5.00
S. R. Prince,	"	three,	4.40
E. L. Kimball,	"	eight,	1.80
J. A. Wesel,	"	"	.40
C. H. Stanton,	"	"	.30

Paid E. Tinkham,	Ward nine,	$ 1.40
A. Tinkham,	" "	1.50
Wm. S. Cummings,	" "	3.30
D. E. Homan,	" "	2.40
H. H. Clark,	" "	.80
J. R. Sargent,	" "	.50
Total,		$225.22

Poor Department.

AUGUSTUS HUTCHINSON.

Paid O. E. McQueeny, for board,	$182.50
Wm. S. Cummings, cash paid,	3.00
Chas. Dreyfus, clothing,	7.50
J. H. Perkins, Jr., supplies,	6.60
E. H. Knight, clothing,	6.50
Mrs. O. E. McQueeny, extra care,	10.00
E. H. Batchelder, watching,	16.50
Total,	$232.60

ALBERT MOULTON.

Paid Geo. W. Peabody, for board,	$ 54.48
S. S. Cook, for board,	52.00
Naumkeag Clothing Co.,	1.50
J. W. Perkins, Jr.,	3.85
Total,	$111.83

BERTHA M. RANDALL.

Paid E. A. Dodge, for board,	$28.00
E. A. Dodge, clothing,	3.00
Total,	$31.00

E. PLAISTED.

Paid City of Salem, supplies,	$18.00

GEORGE BABCOCK.

Paid Town of Melrose, supplies,	$379.03

MRS. FRANK TARRIO.

Paid City of Salem, supplies,	$50.47

CHARLES O. TUTTLE.

Paid Albert Roberts, clothing,	$10.73

GEORGE W. CHANNEL.

Paid Charles Dreyfus, clothing,	$5.50

SAMUEL O. CHANNEL.

Paid Charles W. Perkins, for board,	$18.00

VIENNA J. HOYT.

Paid Cash,	$10.00

LUCY STRAVIS.

Paid Lynn Home for Aged Women,	$72.00

FAMILY OF RICHARD BURNHAM.

Paid Town of Danvers,	$126.50

IVORY DAY.

Paid H. P. Woodbury, supplies,	$114.00

MRS. CHARLES PIERCE.

Paid Town of Beverly,	$15.71

Lockup and Tramps.

Paid Daniel A. Homan, care of tramps,	$50.00
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	11.31
Total,	$61.31

Number of tramps for one year, 307.

Town House and Hall.

Paid Wellington Pool, care of town room and hall,	$35.01
" " labor on funnel,	.50
" " wood,	6.00
Charles Friend, funnel,	.85
J. H. Peters, setting glass,	3.75
John Girdler, coal,	12.50
A. D. & W. F. Trowt,	10.01
Total,	$68.62

Park and Common.

Paid Wellington Pool, labor,	$14.94
Wm. S. Cummings, removing fence,	2.89
" " labor and setting lamp posts,	2.35
Total,	$20.18

Fire Department.

Paid Henry Tarr, labor and cash paid 1889,	$ 3.10
Smith & Winchester, hose,	54.83
Forty members,	80.00
John McNeal, watching fire,	2.00
C. O. Killam, " "	2.00
H. E. Durgin, repairing hose carriage,	2.50
O. E. McQueeny, supplies,	2.05
A. D. & W. F.Trowt, supplies,	11.71
Total,	$158.19

Library.

Paid Expenses of committee to buy books,	$ 9.15
American Express,	.55
Ivory Quimby, case,	14.00

Paid DeWolf, Fisk & Co.,	$85.34
Lambert Jackson, binding,	1.60
Wellington Pool, care of room,	.50
Total,	$111.14

Incidentals.

Paid B. H. Conant, care of clock,	$20.00
N. A. Horton & Son, printing valuation book,	185.00
" " " town report,	31.63
" " " school report,	17.25
" " " notices,	17.25
Whitcomb & Carter, powder and fuse,	4.86
Wellington Pool, cash paid for expressing,	3.28
" " administering oaths,	3.15
" " making two cemetery deeds,	1.00
" " journey to Salem,	1.00
" " cash paid for bunting,	.35
" " returning deaths as undertaker,	5.00
George Litchfield, expressing,	1.60
Wm. S. Cummings, trimming trees,	2.38
" " removing snow fence,	3.00
" " building snow fence,	3.50
" " teaming pipe,	.75
" " cash paid for glass,	2.48
" " labor with H. A. Eaton, surveying,	.51
Otis Leonard, trimming trees,	2.13
Alta Manufacturing Co., lantern and post,	10.88
H. L. Eaton, surveying Friend street and common,	5.00
B. F. Hill, hand cuffs,	4.50
George A. Collins, four police badges,	4.75
Elbridge Porter, teaming brick,	1.50
J. T. Brown, teaming pipe,	1.50
Merrill & Mackintire,	.83

Paid Fred P. Stanton, error in Clark's tax,	$11.90
Salem Press, binding reports,	1.00
John Gentlee, nailing trees and repairing guide boards,	2.25
A. D. & W. F. Trowt,	1.82
Wm. F. Trowt, liquor license,	.25
Jason Clark, labor,	3.50
J. M. Parsons, drain pipe,	48.99
Total,	$404.79

Town Officers.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Elbridge Porter, services one year,	$26.00
" " taking census of school children,	4.00
N. P. Perkins, services one year,	24.00
F. M. Dodge, services one year,	57.00
Total,	$111.00

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Wellington Pool, services one year,	$20.00
" " journey to Ipswich to return votes for Representative,	2.00
" " recording births, marriages and deaths and returning the same to the Secretary of State,	11.65
Total,	$33.65

CONSTABLE AND POLICE.

Paid Henry Alley, services to March 1st, 1891,	$16.50

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Paid James H. Perkins, 1890,	$1.70

Paid Frank Tarr,	1891,	$2.00
S. E. Kimball,	1891,	2.00
Total,		$5.70

REGISTRARS.

Paid John Gentlee,	2 days,	$4.00
Wm. S. Cummings,	1 1-2 days,	3.00
James T. Brown,	2 days,	4.00
Wellington Pool,	2 days,	4.00
" "	posting notices and preparing the same,	1.00
Total,		$16.00

SELECTMEN.

Paid John Gentlee,	15 days' services,	$25.50
" "	4 journeys out of town,	6.30
" "	conducting correspondence and making returns,	15.00
" "	perambulating town lines 4 1-4 days, horse for the same,	13.50
James T. Brown,	13 days' services,	22.10
Wm. S. Cummings,	14 1-2 days' services,	24.65
" "	perambulating town lines three days,	6.00
Total,		$113.05

ASSESSORS.

Paid John Gentlee,	11 1-2 days' services,	$23.00
James T. Brown,	8 1-2 " "	17.00
Wm. S. Cummings,	7 1-2 days' services,	15.00
Total,		$55.00

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid John Gentlee,	services one year,	$10.00
" "	two journeys out of town,	4.36

Paid James T. Brown,	services one year,	$6.00
" "	journey out of town and cash paid,	1.65
Wm. S. Cummings,	services one year,	6.00
" "	journey out of town,	4.00
" "	lodging four poor travellers cash paid,	3.50
Total,		$35.51

TREASURER.

Paid Wm. F. Trowt,	services one year,	$50.00

COLLECTOR.

Paid Fred P. Stanton,	part balance 1889,	$5.00
" "	" " 1890,	5.00
" "	salary 1891,	50.00
Total,		$60.00

State Aid.

Paid Mary P. Merrill,	under Act of	1889,	Chap.	301,	$48.00
John A. Hoyt,	"	"	"	"	48.00
Vienna J. Hoyt,	"	"	"	"	48.00
Warren Larrabee,	"	"	"	"	48.00
Harriet Larrabee,	"	"	"	"	48.00
Joseph B. Woodman,	"	"	"	"	48.00
Kimball H. Drew,	"	"	"	"	24.00
James M. Shattuck,	"	"	"	"	48.00
Julia A. Norcross,	"	"	"	"	24.00
Warren Burpee,	"	"	"	"	32.00
Edwin Plaisted.	"	"	"	279,	72.00
Thomas H. Clark,	"	"	"	"	40.00
Charles H. Shattuck,	"	"	"	"	6.00
Total,					$534.00

Abatements.

A. I. Batchelder,	one poll, 1890,	deceased,	$2.00
Benj. Burchstead, Jr.,	" "		2.00
E. H. Caverly,	" "		2.00
W. F. Homan,	" "	not liable,	2.00
A. Harrigan,	" "	not liable,	2.00
A. W. Johnson,	" "		2.00
W. H. Kavanagh,	" "	not liable,	2.00
John G. King,	" "		2.00
Warren Larrabee,	" "		2.00
Albert S. Libby,	" "		2.00
Arthur F. Merrill,	" "	not liable,	2.00
Bowman Nickerson,	" "		2.75
Benj. Pray,	" "		2.00
Edwin Preston,	" "	not liable,	2.00
Herbert Russell,	" "		2.25
Howard Trowt,	" "	not liable,	2.00
Wm. T. Tucker, Jr.,	" "	deceased,	2.75
J. W. Tinkham,	" "		2.00
Smith Tinkham,	" "		2.00
John Wesel,	" "	not liable,	2.00
Milton Woodman,	" "		2.00
Joel Wilkins,	" "	deceased,	2.25
Frank Wilkins,	" "		2.00
Miss Mary O. Hodges,	1891,	too much personal,	68.40
Mrs. Mary O. Hodges,	"	" "	68.40
Jerry Kavanagh,	"	" real,	5.70
Total,			$190.50

Summary of Town Expenses.

Schools,	$1,665.43
" Incidentals,	187.33
Highway Department,	1,030.57
Snow Department,	225.22
Poor "	1,195.37

Lock-up and Tramps,	$ 61.31
Town Hall,	68.62
Park and Common,	20.18
Fire Department,	158.19
Library,	111.14
Incidentals,	404.79
State Aid,	534.00
Abatements,	190.50
Town Officers,	496 41
Total,	$6,349.06

Collectors' Account.

JAMES H. PERKINS, COLLECTOR FOR 1887, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

	Dr.
Balance due on tax list, 1887,	$1.85

P. H. KAVANAGH, COLLECTOR FOR 1888, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

	Dr.
Balance due on tax list, 1888,	$2.00

FRED P. STANTON, COLLECTOR FOR 1890, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

	Dr.
Balance due on tax list,	$ 175.10
To tax list committed to him to collect for 1891,	7,116.34
Total,	$7,291.44
	Cr.
By payment to Wm. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	$6,650.25
Uncollected taxes,	641.19
Total,	$7,291.44

Treasurer's Account.

WM. F. TROWT IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

		Dr.
Received of	Wellington Pool, for rent of town hall,	$63.50
"	" " sale of cemetery lots,	51.50
"	State school fund,	267.64
"	Wellington Pool, two town histories,	2.00
"	State corporation tax,	145.63
"	National bank tax,	365.64
"	State Aid, Chap. 279,	120.00
"	" " " 301,	408.00
"	County Treasurer, for dog tax,	135.55
"	Clerk of Courts,	1.59
"	Town of Leominster,	5.50
"	Town of Beverly,	18.00
"	Wm. F. Trowt, for hay scales,	29.55
"	Library Committee, for fines,	2.70
"	J. H. Perkins, Jr., for druggist license,	1.00
"	Elbridge Porter, drain pipe,	10.40
"	Frank Needham, tuition for child,	4.00
"	Fred P. Stanton, for taxes,	6,650.25
	Total,	$8,282.45

PAYMENTS.

		Cr.
Balance due the Treasurer, Feb. 16th, 1891,		$106.74
Interest on the town debt,		147.50
"	temporary loans,	134.61
"	cemetery fund,	35.89
State tax,		405.00
County tax,		563.22
Selectmen's orders,		6,348.86
Balance in the Treasury Feb. 17th, 1892,		540.63
	Total,	$8,282.45

Assessor's Valuation of the Town.

Real estate,	$4,575.75
Personal estate,	1,205.25
Total,	$5,781.00
Number of polls, 263.	
Tax on polls, at $2.00 each,	$526.00
" real and personal estate, at $11.40 on one thousand,	6,590.34
Total,	$7,116.34

Financial Statement of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Notes due the State of Massachusetts,	$2,500.00
" " Estate of J. Low,	700.00
" " Trustees of cemetery fund,	475.00
Interest of cemetery fund to Jan. 29, 1892,	31.52
" " Legacy of Mary Perkins with interest Feb. 1st, 1892,	2,932.66
Estimated amount of outstanding bills,	600.00
Total,	$7,239.18

RESOURCES.

Cash in Treasury,	$540.63
Due from the State for State Aid,	475.00
" Fred P. Stanton,	641.19
" James H. Perkins,	1.85
" P. H Kavanagh,	2.00
" Naumkeag Street Railway,	6.50
Total,	$1,667.17
Balance against the town Feb. 17th, 1892,	$5,572.00

In accordance with a vote of the town the Selectmen submit the following sums to defray the ordinary expenses :—

Schools,	$1,400.00
" Incidentals,	200.00
Poor,	1,100.00
Incidentals,	1,200.00
Highway,	1,000.00
Library,	100.00
Fire Department,	150,00
Interest,	300.00
Total,	$5,450.00

List of Jurors proposed by the Selectmen Feb. 17th, 1892.

Robert F. Dodge,	Warren Jones,
Otis D. Brewer,	Wm. P. Dodge,
Samuel K. Evans,	Nathaniel P. Perkins,
Daniel W. Preston,	Elbridge K. Standley,
Ivory Quimby,	John H. Tiney,
James H. Perkins,	George E. Perkins,
Henry A. Moulton,	Patrick H. Kavanagh.

JOHN GENTLEE,
JAMES T. BROWN,
WM. S. CUMMINGS,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

The undersigned has examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast, and the bills on file with the orders corresponding thereto.

SIMEON DODGE, Jr., Auditor.

Vital Statistics, 1891

Eleven births, 11 marriages, and 25 deaths were recorded in Wenham for the year 1891.

Of the births, 4 were males and 7 females. Five of the fathers and 6 of the mothers were born in Wenham—all of the parents were of American birth excepting one.

MARRIAGES.

Eight marriage certificates were issued, and 11 marriages recorded. Of those married only three grooms and one bride were natives of Wenham. Three of the brides were of foreign birth. With one of the grooms and two of the brides it was the second marriage; with all of the others it was the first.

DEATHS.

Of the 25 deaths recorded 19 occurred in town, two residents died out of town, four were brought here for interment. Ten were removed to other places for interment.

The following is a list of the deaths with dates and ages :—

			Yrs.	mos.	das.
Mar.	23	Albert C. Tucker	1	8	2
"	28	Amelia C. Peabody	34	1	7
Apr.	16	Frank Porter	40	9	18
"	20	William Hall	78		13
"	30	Sarah M. Day	64		
May	21	Livonia P. Cook	68	4	10
"	27	Mary K. Dodge	46	6	20
June	11	Marion F. Perkins	12	9	12
"	29	Martha L. Parsons	61	3	9
Aug.	5	Warren S. Wood		3	22
"	8	Francis R. Edwards	78	8	2
"	13	Dea. Samuel Porter	75	3	5

			Yrs.	mos.	das.
Aug.	15	Maude L. Day		3	5
"	25	Wesley Burnham	76	4	22
"	26	Henry Tarr	67	2	8
Sept.	5	E. Caroline Goodale	64	8	2
"	7	Wendall H. Cook	2	2	4
Oct.	7	Ruth A. Williams		7	9
"	22	Lawrence W. Perkins	1	5	17
"	27	Fanny Burchstead	88		
Nov.	1	William A. Bancroft	67	7	5
"	11	Bertha F. Day,	1	10	17
"	20	C. Volney Moulton	69	1	23
"	30	Mary E. Stanton	51	3	21
Dec.	17	Joel Wilkins	64	3	17

DOGS.

Eighty-nine dogs (eighty-four males and five females) were licensed, and from the amount received therefor, the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars and twenty cents ($175.20) was paid into the County Treasury.

The sum returned to the town was one hundred and thirty-five dollars and fifty-five cents ($135.55).

WELLINGTON POOL, Town Clerk.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham in said County, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, and who have been duly registered as voters in said town, to meet at the Town Hall in said Wenham on Monday, the seventh day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To act on the annual report of the Selectmen.
3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriations for the same and determine the manner of collecting.
5. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire such sums of money in anticipation of taxes as may be necessary to meet current expenses.
6. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to renew notes that may become due or hire money to replace the same.
7. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The ballot shall be "Yes" or "No".
8. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.
9. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the expenses of Memorial Day, under the direction of the Sailors and Soldiers of Wenham.
10. To see if the town will raise a sufficient sum of money to pay the State Aid for the ensuing year.

11. To see what action the town will take in regard to truant scholars.

12. To see if the town will vote to light the Main Street from Beverly line to Hamilton line, with oil lamps, and raise money for the same.

13. To see if the town will take measures to purchase additional land for the Cemetery, and raise money for the same, or act anything thereon. By petition of Wellington Pool and others.

14. To see if the town will vote to grade and gravel Friend Street and raise money for the same.

15. To see if the town will vote to accept the street laid out by Elbridge Porter to land of Mr. Killam and gravel the same and raise money for the same.

16. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, posting, attested copies thereof, one at each of the public meeting houses, and A. D. & W. F. Trowt's store, and the Chapel at Mapleville, and at the eastern part at John K. Dodge's, in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid!

Given under our hands, this eighteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

JOHN GENTLEE,
JAMES T. BROWN,
WM. S. CUMMINGS,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

WENHAM
SCHOOL REPORT.

1892.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1892.

SALEM:
PRESS OF THE ESSEX COUNTY MERCURY.
1892.

REPORT.

In accordance with custom and the requirements of law, the School Committee of Wenham submit the following report :—

The Committee received and paid out for the maintenance of the public schools, as follows :—

Town appropriation,	$1,400.00
State school fund,	267.64
Dog tax,	135.55
	$1,803.19
Paid for teaching,	1,455.00
" " fuel,	131.63
" " care of rooms and building fires,	78.80
	$1,665.43
Paid for books, stationery and school-room supplies,	$108.26

Number of persons in town on the first day of May, 1891, between five and fifteen years of age, 132.

Number of public schools, 5.

Number of different pupils of all ages, in the public schools during the year, 136.

Number attending during the year over fifteen years of age, 1.

Average membership of all the schools, 100.5.

Average attendance in all the public schools during the year, 90.3.

The per cent. of attendance based upon the average membership, 89.8.

During the vacation the chimney in the West School house was taken down and its location changed, thereby greatly improving the appearance of the school-room and its ventilation. The school-house at the Neck and the one at the east part of the town need some repairs and to be painted.

The committee have not thought it best to effect any radical change during the year in our school system. It has been their chief purpose to bring the children under the influence of the present system. The committee have found that it is not so difficult to instruct as it is to bring and keep the children under the influences of instruction. Constant and vigorous effort is required on the part of parents, teachers, committee and truant officers, to secure a good and regular attendance.

VOCAL MUSIC.

The town voted, at its last annual meeting, to raise one hundred dollars for the purpose of having vocal music taught in its public schools.

The committee were somewhat at a loss to know just what course to pursue in the matter, as the amount of the appropriation would not be sufficient to employ a teacher from out-of-town, and at the time they did not know of any one in town that could be obtained. During the time the committee were considering the matter, Mr Ivory Quimby, who was one of the prime movers in bringing the matter before the town, and who was and is very much interested in the subject, offered to give a lesson of one hour's length to each of the schools every week through the school year and to furnish what singing books and charts were necessary for

the sum the town had appropriated, and he was engaged to carry out the vote of the town in regard to music. Mr. Quimby entered upon his work with much enthusiasm, and the pupils became very much interested in their music lessons, all of which foreshadowed good results. Soon after the commencement of the fall term, Mr. Quimby called upon the committee and said that "his business engagements were such he could not give the time to the music that he desired, and felt that he must resign," and did so in a written communication, in which he stated that "he should make no charge for what he had done." The resignation was accepted, and Mrs. C. O. Killam, of Wenham Neck, was engaged to give instruction in music through the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Killam commenced her work on the 12th of October and continued to the close of the public examinations. Unfortunately for her and for the scholars, she was taken sick in December and was not able to resume her teaching for some weeks. When Mrs. Killam commenced her instruction in music in the schools she began with the fundamental principles of the subject, and taught it, as she should have done, as a *science*. She was fortunate in her ability to adapt her instruction to the comprehension of those placed under her tuition, even to the younger portion of pupils. It was apparent to the committee that the first object of the teacher was to commence and lay a correct and suitable foundation, and, second, build a superstructure as far as she went, as would stand the test of practical application.

The work of the pupils in the several schools, while under Mrs. Killam's instruction, was as follows: They took up the first principles of music: the staff, the G-cleff, the natural scale, skips from firsts to thirds and seconds to fourths, and so on, practising the scale in all the different measures, in quarter, eighth and sixteenth notes, and the first transposition

from C to G in sharps. The instruction was *systematic* and *thorough*; the progress made by most of the pupils and the results realized were highly creditable to the teacher, who, during her connection with the schools, was untiring in her efforts to have her scholars do first-class work.

CENTRE PRIMARY.

This school was taught through the year by its former teacher, Miss Bertha M. Durgin. The teacher's previous experience in the school enabled her to commence her work understandingly, she being already familiar with the dispositions and acquirements of the most of those placed under her instruction.

An idea has prevailed, and still prevails to some extent, among those not familiar with our school system, that almost any individual is qualified to take charge of a primary school; but that the best talent is demanded for the higher grades. Of course it is not necessary that the teacher of the primary school should possess the same attainments, become familiar with the same sciences, as the principal of a high school, yet the successful teacher of beginners, one who directs the first unfoldings of the intellect, demands a rare versatility of talents, a comprehensiveness of resources, an amplitude of illustration, in many, if not in most respects, equal to those occupying higher positions.

It is important that the *first* steps should be correct ones, the *first* impressions and ideas in accordance with truth; and the first expansion of the mind in harmony with its laws. Every successful teacher has learned from sad experience that the labor of "*unlearning*" is no trifling task, that it is far more difficult to eradicate the tangled and matted roots of false ideas than to sow the seeds of truth. Erroneous views, imbibed in this peculiarly receptive period, are like seed de-

posited in a fertile soil, springing up vigorously and soon monopolizing the whole. If to the considerations already adduced, we add the *fact* that but few of the pupils ever enter a high school, and many, if they enter the grammar department do not complete the course, we have abundant reasons for care in the selection of teachers for this grade. With the foregoing considerations in mind, the committee felt that they were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Durgin for another year of school work. Energy, efficiency and a happy adaptation, distinguished her labors and rendered them desirable.

The school, which was the largest in town, was in all respects well conducted. The most pleasant relations existed between the teacher and pupils. She mingled kindness with a degree of familiarity, and won the love of her scholars without losing either their confidence or respect. As a result of such a state of things much good work was done and improvement made, rendering this a successful school.

In our visits from time to time, we were pleased with the general good order and attention to study on the part of the pupils, and the teacher's method of imparting instruction. Miss Durgin pursued the same method in teaching those who were just commencing their school-life and work as that of the previous year, in which very free use was made of the black-board. The little ones manifested a very lively interest in those exercises. It was very pleasing to observe the promptness with which they responded to the demands of the teacher to spell the words written and then to put those words into sentences. The work of the second class in arithmetic consisted in committing to memory the multiplication table, as far as the twelves, in connection with the study of mental arithmetic. The first class, in addition to their mental work, gave special attention to the study of the four fundamental rules in written arithmetic and also to

fractions, the definitions and rules of which were very thoroughly learned. In the study of geography the older pupils made use of the text-book, while the instruction to the younger was entirely oral, and resulted in awakening an interest in this branch of school work. The attention paid to what may be considered the little things, but which enters as a factor in making up the estimate of the work accomplished and progress made, such as the attention and correct position of the pupils at the time of recitation, the going to and from the same, the passing in and out of the school-room, etc., were pleasing features of the school whenever visited.

Notwithstanding the very unfavorable condition of the weather and travelling, the closing examination held on Saturday, P.M., March 5th, was attended by a large number of the parents and friends, and the school appeared well.

In reading and spelling very commendable improvement was noticeable. The recitations in arithmetic and geography were good. Comparing the results of the year's work with those of the previous year the progress made was very satisfactory. At the close of the examination the pupils presented the teacher with Tennyson's poems as an expression of their appreciation of her interest in them.

Not absent during the summer term—Eugene Guilds; fall term—Mamie Guilds, Mattie Porter, Carrie Plaisted, Eugene Guilds, Ray Knowlton, Willie McQueenny and Arthur Trowt; during the year—Ethel Batchelder and Walter Homan.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This school was committed to the charge of Miss B. H. Burnham, of Lynn, a young woman of considerable experience as a teacher and possessed of unusual energy and perseverance. She came well recommended and sustained a very satisfactory examination.

The school, when left by its former teacher, Miss Bertwell, was in an excellent condition, and it seemed to be the settled purpose of Miss Burnham that the pupils under her instruction and government should fully maintain their previous good standing. In visiting the school soon after its commencement in April and observing the teacher's method of imparting instruction which was thorough and systematic, as well as her general manner of conducting the every day routine of school work, we felt that the interests of the school had been intrusted to the care of a zealous and faithful teacher.

In conducting the recitations, the teacher did not confine her questions to those of the text book, but with those freely interspersed others of a less theoretical character, thereby giving to the subject under consideration a very much more practical importance, which not only secured the close attention of the pupils but gave additional importance and interest to the subject of the recitation.

Miss Burnham fully comprehended the subjects treated, and was clear in her explanations and variable in her illustrations. The government of the school when visited was always good, and generally secured without resort to coercive measures. The reading of the two lower classes was, at the commencement of the term, somewhat monotonous and lifeless; but by subsequent efforts of the teacher in requiring the pupils to pay particular attention to a distinct articulation, proper emphasis and correct inflection, it was much improved. In the study of grammar the definitions, principles and rules were committed to memory and practically applied in the construction, analysis and parsing of sentences. In history the teacher combined the method by questions with that of recitation by topics, and the interest manifested and progress made by the pupils were good. All of the required studies received due attention.

During the latter part of the term it was apparent that

there was a want of harmony between the teacher and those under her care, so that she failed to secure that respect, affection and attachment of her pupils so essential to the successful prosecution of mental work. At the close of the summer term Miss Burnham resigned her position to accept a similiar one in another part of the state, and Miss Sadie F. Bragdon of Limington, Me., was appointed her successor. She entered on her duties in September, and continued through the remainder of the school year. Miss Bragdon is a young woman of good attainments and a teacher of some experience, having previously taught in Maine.

In commencing her labors as teacher she made no radical changes from the course pursued by her predecessor, but sought to make herself familiar with the arrangement of the classes and general management of the school while under its former teacher. As she became acquainted with the scholars and the requirements of the school, she gradually instituted such changes as would be in harmony with her ideas of what the classification and general arrangements of the school must be, in order to accomplish the best school results. In the subsequent supervision of the work of the teacher and pupils it was evident that a commendable degree of interest was manifest.

The lessons were generally very well prepared and by most of the pupils well recited. The recitations of the class in physical geography and those of the first class in grammar were invariably good, showing careful study in their preparation. The method that has been pursued in the study of geography in our schools in the past, *viz:* that of the free use of the blackboards in drawing outlines of countries, states, etc., was continued by Miss Bragdon with good success. Fair improvement was made in written arithmetic, while the interest taken and progress made in the study of mental arithmetic were not commensurate with

the great importance of this branch of school study. When visited the order of the school was generally good, though not of that positive type that secures prompt observance of the teacher's requirements.

The closing examination, which took place on Tuesday, P.M., March 3rd, was attended by a large assemblage of the parents and friends of the pupils, and all appeared well satisfied with the results of the year's work. The classes generally appeared well. Those in arithmetic showed a familiarity with the principles studied. In grammar the parsing and analysis of sentences were satisfactory. The recitations in physical geography and physiology were especially good. The reading and spelling did not equal the good standard of the other exercises. The compositions read were good. At the close of the examination, the pupils, as an expression of their appreciation of their teacher, presented her with a cabinet album.

Not absent during the summer term—Fred Haskell, Fred Pulsifer; fall term—Bessie Plaisted, Anna D. Trowt, Charles McQueeny, Frank Merrill; winter term—Willie Bancroft, Fred Knowlton and Arthur Ward; during the year—Alfred Cummings.

NECK SCHOOL.

This school was placed in charge of Miss R. A. Bradstreet. The fact that Miss Bradstreet had taught this school the previous term with such signal success fully warranted the committee in looking for and expecting that the school, under her careful, wise and mild, yet firm, management, would fully maintain its former rank for excellent discipline and thorough scholarship, and they were in no wise disappointed. Her method of imparting instruction was thorough, systematic and attractive.

When Miss Bradstreet came before her class to conduct a

recitation, while she did not entirely ignore the use of the text-book, she questioned her pupils quite independently of the set questions as found in the books studied. In teaching, her object was, not to burden the memory of her pupils with mere verbiage, but to discipline them to habits of independent thought and investigation. She regarded text-books as a means and not, as do too many, the end of instruction. Like her immediate predecessor, Mrs. Miller, Miss Bradstreet laid under contribution everything in nature that came under her observation, which she thought would in any way interest and instruct her pupils, thereby awakening new and strong desires for farther and more important information, and giving a fresh impetus to the progress of the school. The government was invariably good, the requirements of the teacher were strictly observed, not through fear of punishment but from the high appreciation, esteem and confidence that the pupils entertained for their teacher.

To those having the general supervision of the school, it was a source of much pleasure to observe the every day work of the pupils in preparing their lessons, and the promptness with which they responded to the questions of the teacher, varied in such a manner as to thoroughly test their knowledge of the subject under consideration. No one subject was pursued to the detriment of another, but all of the prescribed studies received their appropriate share of time and attention.

At the close of the summer term, under the supervision and direction of Miss Bradstreet, the school gave an entertainment, consisting of recitations, dialogues, pantomimes, etc., which was amusing, interesting and instructive, the proceeds of which were given for the purchase of a flag to be placed on the school building. The local member of the school board would take this occasion to express his thanks to those individuals who came so generously to the aid of the children in supplying the means to obtain the object sought. With

the close of the entertainment Miss Bradstreet, very much to the regret of pupils, parents and committee, closed her connection with the school.

The vacancy was filled by the appointment of Miss Eva M. Purinton of Ipswich, a recent graduate of Salem State Normal School, it being her first experiment in teaching. In visiting the school soon after Miss Purinton took charge of it, which was at the commencement of the fall term, it seemed apparent that if she did not meet the reasonable requirements and expectations of those having the general supervision of the school, the cause of such failure must be looked for in some other direction than in a want of interest or zeal in the discharge of her school duties. On a second inspection of the school it was evident that the teacher was more interested in the instruction of her pupils than in the general management and care of her school—in the discipline. This is by no means unusual with those who enter upon the work as beginners in the art of teaching, especially when kindness of heart and sympathy are prominent characteristics. The attention of the teacher was called to this mistake, and the necessity of maintaining a steady, firm government, if she would secure the highest mental discipline and development of her pupils. The suggestions were kindly received and acted upon, so that subsequent visits during the fall term showed an improvement in the control and management, and the school to be in fair working condition. The lessons were generally well prepared and the recitations for the most part gave general satisfaction, especially the classes in history, geography and the one in civil government. Good work was done in book keeping and drawing. Under such conditions the winter term began—and the committee looked for greater improvement as the term should advance. Subsequent visits to the school, however, were disappointing. The first class held its rank, the other recitations were often, by many of the pupils, poorly prepared and indifferently re-

cited. The lack of firm, steady government, which we had previously mentioned, was having its effect in the indifference of the pupils, and the quality of their work. At the public examination, which was held on Tuesday, A.M., March 8th, the pupils were freely questioned on those studies to which they had attended, and their usually prompt answers showed fair acquaintance with the subjects upon which they were examined. The reading and spelling were creditable, and the recitations in physical geography, civil government and physiology were good. The specimens of drawing exhibited were excellent.

Not absent during the summer term—Sadie Prince; fall term—Fred Prince, Roy Young and Addie Brown; winter term—Fred Prince.

WEST SCHOOL.

The past year has been a fortunate one in the history of this school, so far as any interruption by a change of teacher is concerned. The school was taught through the year by Miss Lizzie M. Brown of Wenham, and though in her own district, she was very successful.

She possessed those traits of character which well fitted her for the work. Naturally fond of children, she mingled kindness and a degree of familiarity with proper reserve, winning the love of her scholars without losing either their confidence or respect. Her examination as to literary qualification and adaptation to the work of the school-room was in every respect satisfactory.

In our first visit to the school it was evident that the teacher had entered upon her school duties with the fixed purpose of giving her undivided attention and efforts to the interests of her school. It was apparent that she had brought to her chosen vocation a large share of energy, zeal and perseverance; and there was infused into her pupils,

in some degree, at least, her own love and enthusiasm for the exercises of the school-room. A very pleasing feature of Miss Brown's method of instruction was, that it consisted more largely of the practical and less of the theoretical, than is usually employed by young teachers, — a method we strongly recommend and desire to see more generally employed in all of our schools, and when this is done the results realized will be greatly enhanced in value and adaptation to the later requirements of active life. A spirit of mutual confidence and kindness was manifest, constituting the schoolroom a desirable and pleasant place. There was an evident desire for improvement observable among most of the pupils, which was a pleasing feature of this school throughout the year, an atmosphere that a good teacher always desires to secure.

Miss Brown gave much attention to the reading of the several classes, and labored zealously and persistently to procure the best results. In giving instruction to the younger classes in written arithmetic the teacher employed the inductive method; but in the more advanced classes, the analytical method was very generally adopted. More than the usual attention was given to the study of mental arithmetic, and fair progress was made. This branch of study is deserving of very much more attention in most of our schools than it has received. As a matter of fact, it is found that in schools where this study has received the time and attention that its importance merits, it is there that we find the best and most satisfactory work in written arithmetic. If parents would more generally second the efforts of the teacher in encouraging more attention to this study they would not only help the teacher, but greatly benefit their children in their efforts in acquiring arithmetical knowledge. The ground covered by the different classes in the study of geography was quite sufficient to occupy all of the time that could be allotted to this study, and the quality of the work accomplished was very satisfactory. The black-boards were used freely in connec-

tion with the oral recitations in geography, and with excellent results. In spelling, the attention of the previous year was continued, and this school, which has been greatly deficient in this part of its school work, now takes its appropriate place in point of rank with the other schools in town.

The regular daily recitations of the classes in grammar, history and physiology furnished unmistakable evidence that the pupils had received careful and thorough instruction. We have noticed with pleasure the general characteristics of this school, the invariable neatness of the school-room, the good order, system and attention to study, and a thorough drill at the time of recitation.

Though there has been no general sickness during the year—a great sorrow has fallen upon the school, in the death of one of its brightest pupils—that sweet, lovable girl—Marion Perkins.

The public examination, which took place on Wednesday, P. M., March 9th, gave excellent satisfaction. In reading and spelling very decided progress had been made. The recitations in geography, grammar, history and physiology showed a familiarity with the portions studied, which could only have been acquired by patient study and careful training. The classes in arithmetic were not quite as good as in the other recitations. Those who addressed the school, spoke in terms of commendation of the results of the year's work, as shown by the examination.

Not absent during the winter term—Arthur Cook; during the year—Willie Cook, Sidney Cook and Emily Cook.

EAST SCHOOL.

The work done in this school the previous year by its teacher and the progress made by the pupils in their several branches of study, together with the expressed desire of the patrons of the school, for a continuation of the same teacher,

fully warranted the committee in re-engaging Miss Annie F. Esgate of South Tamworth, N. H.

In again committing the care of the school to Miss Esgate, we felt that we were doing what would be of the highest benefit to those placed under her charge. She was, therefore, re-engaged at an increase in salary, with the distinct understanding, that she was to remain during the *entire school year.*

She entered upon her work in April. In visiting the school, soon after its opening, the advantages of the teacher's previous acquaintance with her pupils and a thorough understanding of the wants of the school were at once apparent, from the familiar manner in which teacher and scholars entered upon the school work of the year. The time necessarially spent by a new teacher in becoming acquainted with her pupils and the requirements of the school, before judicious and intelligent work could be performed, was saved, and the school received, at once, the benefit of well directed effort on the part of the teacher.

Under Miss Esgate's instruction, the school, during the summer and fall terms, fully maintained its previous high rank. Those to whom were intrusted the supervision of the school, noticed with pleasure the good order, system, attention to study and promptness at the time of recitation. The progress made during the first two terms demonstrated the fact that the teacher labored not only with commendable assiduity and fidelity, but with excellent results. In our visits from time to time we were gratified with the teacher's method of instruction, which was critical and thorough. In giving instruction in arithmetic the analytical method was very generally followed; giving reasons for every step in the process being a prominent part of a recitation. In this study the pupils were required to thoroughly commit to memory the definitions and rules, and give proof of their arithmetical acquirements by

practical work upon the black-board. In reading, the same method was followed with the youngest pupils as that of the previous year. Black-board exercises preceded those of the book. It was gratifying to observe the interest these children took in such lessons, and the ease and correctness with which they would spell out the words and read the sentences that the teacher put upon the board. The reading of the older pupils received the careful attention of the teacher and fair improvement was made. The habit of reading too rapidly was a fault quite too common, a habit that should, in the future, receive the special attention of the teacher, to the end that it may be corrected and the reading thereby greatly improved.

In the study of history the pupils, whenever tested by the committee, showed very great familiarity with those portions to which their attention had been given, affording unquestionable evidence of thoroughness in the prosecution of this branch of school study. In geography, the method of the previous year was continued and the results realized were highly commendable to the painstaking care of the teacher and to the application and industry of the pupils. Writing and drawing received their appropriate share of time and attention and good progress was made in each.

The order was good during the summer and fall terms, and a steady improvement was made in school work. During the third week of the winter term, Miss Esgate resigned, for the purpose of taking charge of one of the graded schools in Connecticut, and closed her connection with the school on Friday, December 18th. The vacancy was filled by Miss Nellie A. Kinsman, a young woman of some experience as a teacher. Miss Kinsman entered upon her duties as teacher, December 28th. She taught but two days, when it was found necessary on account of sickness, among both pupils and parents, to close the school until January 5th.

Miss Esgate, before leaving, wrote out the classification of

the school, the work done in each study, and that which she had mapped out for the balance of the year. This was given to her successor and was of very great benefit to her, especially so, as she took charge of the school so late in the school year. Miss Kinsman, therefore, was enabled to take up the work just where her predecessor left off, so that the pupils lost no time in consequence of a change of teacher. The order and discipline were satisfactory and there were evidences of a good degree of improvement in all of the studies. At the closing examination, which was held on Thursday P. M., March 10th, the recitations were prompt and generally correct. The examination in arithmetic exhibited a good degree of proficiency on the part of the scholars. The recitations in geography, and history were very satisfactory, and the examination of the classes in grammar and physiology furnished undoubted evidence of thorough work, on the part of both teacher and scholars. Miss Kinsman's success, during the time she had charge of the school, was highly creditable to herself and deserving of commendation.

Not absent during the summer term—Lizzie D. Preston.

FRANCIS M. DODGE,
ELBRIDGE PORTER,
JOSIAH B. BROWN,
} School Committee of Wenham.

WENHAM

Annual Town Report

1892-3

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 14, 1893,

WITH THE

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

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REPORT.

School Department.

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid Annie F. Esgate, teaching part winter term,	$27.00
Nellie A. Kinsman, " " " "	70.00
Nellie A. Kinsman, " spring term,	84.00
Mary P. Grover, " fall term,	80.00
J. K. Dodge, wood,	18.00
F. M. Stillman, building fires,	8.00
Total,	$287.00

NECK SCHOOL.

Paid Eva M. Purinton, teaching winter term,	$97.50
Mary Newman, " spring term,	96.00
Alice S. Graham, " fall term,	64.00
S. C. Prince, care of room and fires,	10.00
Charles Wilkins, wood,	18.00
Total,	$285.50

CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Paid Bertha M. Durgin, teaching winter term,	$90.00
" " " " spring "	96.00
" " " " fall "	40.00
John Girdler, coal,	11.50
W. Pool, care of fires and room,	18.00
Total,	$255.50

CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid Sadie F. Bragdon, teaching winter term,	$117.00
Grace R. Gould, " spring "	108.00

Paid Grace R. Gould, teaching fall term,	36.00
W. Pool, care of fires and room,	17.50
Lucy P. Crowell, care of room,	10.00
John Girdler, coal	40.00
Total,	$328.50

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Lizzie M. Brown, teaching winter term,	$104.00
" " " " spring "	96.00
" " " " fall "	108.00
John Girdler, coal,	15.50
James W. Cass, care of fires,	10.50
Harland Brown, care of room,	2.00
J. G. Kent, wood,	1.50
Total,	$337.50

Paid Nellie S. Killam, teaching music (1891)	$38.89

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Paid Isaac Porter, stock and labor for East School,	$12.75
D. C. Smith, stock for East School,	11.22
J. H. Peters, stock and labor on East and Centre schools,	29.12
J. H. Peters, stock and labor on Neck School,	25.00
" " " " " " " West "	5.42
Thompson, Brown & Co., supplies,	7.20
William Ware & Co., "	18.75
J. S. Hammett, supplies,	10.09
Boston School Supply Co.,	71.20
Effingham Maynard & Co., supplies,	7.15
Merrill & Mackintire, supplies,	8.07
D. C. Heath & Co., supplies,	30.14
Perry Mason & Co., "	2.25
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, supplies,	16.48
J. K. Dodge, two sash,	1.67

Paid Elbridge Porter, fumigating,	1.50
Oliver Ditson & Co., supplies,	16.20
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	2.89
Total,	$277.10

Highway Department.

JOHN R. SARGENT, COMMISSIONER.

WARD ONE.

Paid Addison Williams,	$21.36
John K. Dodge,	12.74
D. W. Preston,	7.20
B. F. Burchstead,	5.10
Timothy Higgins,	1.70
J. W. Higgins,	1.70
Philip Morrill,	5.10
B. F. Bulchstead, Jr.,	1.70
Samuel Hawkins,	5.10
Charles E. Wyatt,	4.50
" " " land, to widen street,	10.00
John Gentlee, moving wall and grading,	21.65
Total,	$97.85

WARD TWO.

Paid John Gentlee,	$55.87
Jacob Brown,	25.65
O. P. Thompson,	9.35
George W. Johnson,	7.14
Frank T. Johnson,	7.65
R. F. Dodge,	50.22
Total,	$155.88

WARD THREE.

Paid Z. Cole,	$28.64
S. R. Prince,	18.87
Nicholas Dodge,	3.74
Charles Wilkins,	16.80
Charles O. Killam,	14.96

Paid William T. Tucker,	3.06
Frank Edwards,	19.80
F. M. Dodge,	20.99
John R. Sargent,	1.53
Total,	$128.39

WARD FOUR.

Paid W. P. Dodge,	$18.64
D. Harrigan,	6.80
Simeon Dodge, Jr.,	33.09
F. R. Edwards, gravel,	10.40
D. C. Smith, road machine 1891,	5.00
Total,	$73.93

WARDS FIVE, SIX AND NINE.

Paid Elbridge Porter,	$11.02
Fred Porter,	5.17
J. F. Batchelder,	16.17
John R. Sargent,	110.25
J. L. Batchelder,	3.95
Asa Trowt,	8.16
Charles W. Perkins,	18.70
John Williams,	14.28
John Bartlett,	4.33
Dennis Harrigan,	7.99
Archibald Tinkham,	5.10
Michael Sullivan,	27.41
Jerry Kananagh,	30.81
P. H. Kavanagh, gravel,	7.50
James T. Brown, gravel,	7.70
Frank Stanley, gravel,	1.00
Otis A. Clark,	.60
E. K. Batchelder,	4.59
George W. Casson,	6.80
George W. Jones,	4.59
D. A. Homan,	3.06
Total,	$299.18

WARD SEVEN.

Paid S. S. Cook,	$3.40
Benjamin Peabody,	16.15
William Chase,	10.20
John R. Sargent,	37.90
A. H. Peabody,	19.60
Walter Peabody,	10.00
N. P. Perkins,	23.03
J. W. L. Moulton,	12.25
E. K. Batchelder,	6.80
John Bartlett,	8.50
E. K. Standley,	9.60
John Flint, gravel,	16.25
L. W. Batchelder,	4.35
J. G. Kent,	5.20
Stephen Cook,	16.15
Total,	$199.38

WARD EIGHT.

Paid Charles E. Kimball, Jr.,	$6.80
James T. Brown,	32.30
Edward L. Kimball,	19.00
Charles E. Kimball,	6.80
Joseph Wessel,	11.90
Dennis Harrigan,	5.10
Charles H. Stanton,	8.50
Parker Hanson,	14.70
Paul Hanson,	5.10
Warren Burpee,	3.40
Total,	$113.60

ENON AVENUE.

Paid Elbridge Porter,	$67.55
F. F. Porter,	1.70
E. K. Batchelder,	8.50
Edward Soaper,	6.80

Paid W. S. Cummings,			26.40
John Williams,			5.10
Total,			$116.05

Snow Department.

JOHN R. SARGENT, ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Paid D. W. Preston,	Ward	one,	$2.00
J. W. Higgins,	"	"	1.00
Timothy Higgins,	"	"	1.60
Albert Day,	"	"	1.40
Addison Williams,	"	"	1.80
W. H. Beck,	"	"	1.60
Samuel Hawkins,	"	"	1.60
B. W. Burchstead,	"	"	1.80
John K. Dodge,	"	"	4.40
Charles T. Brown,	"	two,	6.90
John Gentlee,	"	"	10.10
F. T. Johnson,	"	"	6.40
G. W. Johnson,	"	"	3.80
F. S. Lovett, Jr.,	"	"	4.30
O. P. Thompson,	"	"	4.90
Asa T. Putnam,	"	"	4.80
Charles O. Killam,	"	"	3.20
Jacob Brown,	"	"	1.60
Charles O. Killam,	"	three,	7.20
Frank Edwards,	"	"	2.80
Alonzo Young,	"	"	3.00
Charles Greenlaw,	"	"	2.00
Charles Wilkins,	"	"	4.00
Zachariah Cole,	"	"	4.60
C. O. Putnam,	"	"	.40
Nicholas Dodge,	"	"	2.60
Horace W. Dodge,	"	"	.60
Samuel R. Prince,	"	"	5.50

Paid F. M. Dodge,	ward three,	$ 4.00
John A. Kavanagh,	" four,	2.30
W. P. Dodge,	" "	7.32
George F. Dodge,	" "	1.00
Irving Burnham	" "	2.40
Dennis Harrigan,	" "	2.60
Herbert W. Porter,	ward "	1.80
Philip Morant,	" "	1.40
Alden Mildram,	" "	2.30
Eben Tinkham,	" "	1.50
Seth Tinkham,	" "	1.50
E. K. Batchelder,	" "	.80
D. A. Homan,	" "	.80
John Williams,	" "	1.50
W. S. Cummings,	" "	2.80
Charles E. Dodge,	" "	2.10
Simeon Dodge, Jr.,	" "	3.80
John Bartlett,	" "	.60
Elbridge Porter,	" five and nine,	6.00
Fred Porter,	" " " "	2.40
Merton A. Trowt,	" " " "	1.80
J. F. Batchelder,	" " " "	2.60
J. L. Batchelder,	" " " "	2.20
W. S. Cummings,	" " " "	2.80
Eben Tinkham,	" " " "	1.50
Seth Tinkham,	" " " "	.60
M. Sullivan,	" " " "	.40
John R. Sargent,	" " " "	8.30
John Williams,	" " " "	.60
Dennis Harrigan,	" " " "	.80
D. A. Homan,	ward six,	2.90
Warren Jones	" "	2.30
George Jones,	" "	1.10
E. K. Batchelder,	" "	2.10
Edward Rollins,	" "	1.00
Henry A. Cook,	" "	2.00

Paid Paul M. Barnes,	ward six,	$ 1.90
John Bartlett,	" "	2.20
Chester S. Cook,	" seven,	8.70
George W. Peabody Jr.,	ward seven,	6.20
George Perkins,	" "	8.00
J. G. Kent,	" "	2.00
William Morgan,	" "	.09
Stephen Cook,	" "	6.00
Harvey S. Cook,	" "	6.60
J. W. L. Moulton,	" "	2.40
Oscar Goodall,	" "	2.80
John E. Tiney,	" "	2.40
William Chase,	" "	6.40
L. W. Batchelder,	" "	5.50
Allison Peabody,	" "	2.00
Walter Peabody,	" "	4.00
B. W. Peabody,	" "	3.00
Charles E. Easty,	" "	3.00
S. E. Kimball,	" "	2.60
H. N. Burpee,	" "	2.00
Elbridge A. Dodge,	" "	1.30
Warren Burpee,	" "	1.00
James T. Brown,	" eight,	1.60
E. L. Kimball,	" "	1.00
Parker Hanson,	" "	1.00
Joseph Wessel,	" "	1.10
John R. Sargent,	" "	2.00
Total,		$264.61

Poor Department.

ALBERT MOULTON.

Paid S. S. Cook, for board,	$24.00
Dr. J. C. Batchelder, for medical attendance,	7.00
J. H. Perkins, Jr., clothing,	.50
Total,	$31.50

AUGUSTUS HUTCHINSON.

Paid Owen E. McQueeny, board,	$10.00
William Hutchinson, "	139.50
" " clothing,	.75
Charles Dreyfus, clothing,	2.50
E. H. Knight, clothing,	2.50
J. H. Perkins, Jr., supplies,	4.38
C. A. Soaper, board,	20.00
W. S. Cummings, board and cash paid,	4.75
Augustus Hutchinson, cash,	7.00
Dr. J. C. Batchelder, for medical attendance,	55.75
Dr. F. W. Baldwin, for medical attendance,	15.00
Naumkeag Clothing Co.,	.75
Total,	$262.88

JOHN A. HOYT.

Cash	$26.00
Paid James H. Perkins, Jr., supplies,	4.00
Total,	$30.00

CHARLES O. TUTTLE.

Paid Albert T. Roberts, clothing,	$12.43

JOEL WILKINS.

Paid Lee & Creesy, undertakers,	$33.50
Chester & Cook, digging grave,	3.00
W. Pool, attending funeral,	3.00
Total,	$39.50

GEORGE W. CHANNEL.

Paid S. M. Cummings, board,	$20.00
James H. Perkins, Jr., clothing	5.70
Total,	$25.70

HARRY WILLIAMS.

Paid Town of Norwell, medical attendance,	$51.00
" " " " burial of child,	10.00
Total,	$61.00

GEORGE W. BABCOCK.

Paid Town of Melrose, supplies,	$383.08

MRS. HELEN TERRICO.

Paid City of Salem, supplies,	$130.95

EDWIN PLAISTED.

Paid City of Salem, supplies,	$19.20

MRS. LUCY A. STRAVIS.

Paid Lynn Home for Aged Women,	$24.00

FAMILY OF RICHARD BURNHAM.

Paid Town of Danvers, supplies,	$155.50
" " " " burial of child,	5.00
Total,	$160.50

FAMILY OF CHARLES PIERCE.

Paid Town of Beverly, supplies,	$80.15

IVORY DAY.

Paid H. P. Woodbury, supplies,	$105.91

Lockup and Tramps.

Paid D. A. Homan, care of tramps,	$50.00
Harriet A. Larrabee, washing blankets,	3.50
D. A. Homan, extra labor,	2.05
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	12.13
Total,	$67.68

Number of tramps for one year, 311.

Town House and Hall.

Paid Wellington Pool, care of town room and hall,	$51.10
" " wood and labor on hall,	2.90
A. C. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	10.33
J. H. Peters, setting glass, etc.,	6.33
W. S. Cummings, rep. steps,	1.00
C. F. Elliott, for repairs,	17.01
John Girdler, coal,	17.50
Charles W. Perkins, wood,	2.50
Total,	$108.67

Park and Common.

Paid W. Pool, labor,	$10.78
" " for fertilizer,	3.34
Harry O. Brewer, care of light,	10.00
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, oil,	3.95
E. R. & E. H. Tarbell, lamps and chimneys,	1.30
Total,	$29.37

Fire Department.

Paid forty members,	$80.00
W. F. Taff, supplies,	2.70
George W. Jones, wood,	1.00
Owen E. McQueeny, repairs,	2.50
H. E. Durgin, repairs,	10.00
Paul B. Patten, "	24.05
J. V. Porter, supplies,	47.79
D. C. Smith, coal,	13.00
J. W. Bartlett, drawing engine to and from Salem,	5.00
Frank A. Stanley, labor on woods' fire,	2.00
F. Porter, labor on woods' fire,	1.70
F. H. Tarr, " " " "	1.70
C. H. Stanton, labor on woods' fire,	3.70
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	17.70
Total,	$212.84

Library.

Paid expenses of committee to buy books,	$3.65
Committee, supplies,	.83
W. Pool, care of room,	1.50
American Express,	.80
De Wolf, Fiske & Co.,	110.80
Total,	$117.58

Incidentals.

Paid W. Pool, administering oaths,	$4.40
" " four cemetery deeds,	2.00
" " assisting in surveying cemetery land,	.75
" " for dog license book,	1.06
" " Secretary of State for register of voters,	1.25
" " chimneys, shades and labor,	1.55
" " returning deaths as undertaker,	5.25
" " for sundries,	2.74
" " to Dr. Swan for ret. birth,	.25
H. E. Durgin, sharpening picks,	.40
American Express,	4.70
W. F. Trowt, for weight,	.50
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn, can & lamps,	3.00
George B. Beard, one "Town Meeting,"	2.00
John Gentlee, stock and labor on guard fence,	8.40
" " teaming lumber,	1.00
" " cedar posts,	9.00
B. H. Conant, care of clock,	20.00
D. C. Smith, lumber and nails,	5.23
E. C. Norris, handle for safe,	2.50
A. W. Warren, blank licenses,	1.00
Little, Brown & Co., two "Town Officers,"	6.00
T. J. Hutchinson, printing,	11.75
N. A. Horton, printing,	58.98
Ivory Quinby, labor on flag-staff,	5.00
W. S. Cummings, removing and building snow-fence,	6.50

Paid W. S. Cummings, stock and labor on guide-boards,	3.00
" " " for recording cemetery deeds,	1.00
" " " sundries,	1.20
George A. Marden, one-fourth liquor license,	.25
Dr. S. E. Thayer, returning thirteen births,	3.25
Owen E. McQueeny, repairing pump,	.50
J. N. Parsons, drain-pipe,	15.12
P. H. Kavanagh, posting notices, 1891,	.75
J. R. Sargent, teaming drain pipe,	2.00
Total,	$192.28

Hay Scales.

Paid S. N. Breed, lumber,	$19.25
W. S. Cummings, teaming lumber,	1.00
Ivory Quinby, labor,	26.30
B. & M. R. R., freight,	.40
Total,	$46.95

Cemetery.

Paid J. L. Batchelder, for land,	$275.00
Huldah K. Tarr, " "	130.33
Elbridge Porter, labor,	8.50
Asa W. Trowt, "	13.77
E. K. Batchelder, "	10.03
Total,	$437.63

Town Officers.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Elbridge Porter, services one year,	$26.00
" " taking census of school-children,	4.00
J. B. Brown, services one year,	24.00
Total,	$54.00

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Wellington Pool, salary for one year,	$20.00
" " preparing tally sheets for election,	5.00
Wellington Pool, stationery and postage—(two years),	7.20
Wellington Pool, returning vote for Representative,	2.00
Wellington Pool, recording births, marriages and deaths,	13.45
Total,	$47.65

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Paid H. E. Durgin, 1891,	$1.00
" " " 1892,	2.50
F. H. Tarr, "	2.50
F. P. Stanton, "	3.00
Simeon Dodge, Jr., 1891,	2.00
" " " 1892,	3.00
Total,	$14.00

REGISTRARS.

Paid W. Pool, posting notices,	$4.25
" " six sessions,	7.00
" " care of Neck Chapel,	.25
James T. Brown, one session,	1.00
W. S. Cummings, five sessions,	6.00
O. D. Brewer, " "	6.00
John Gentlee, one session,	1.00
Total,	$25.50

AUDITOR.

Paid Simeon Dodge, Jr., services 1891 and 1892,	$6.00

SELECTMEN.

Paid John Gentlee, two journeys out of town,	$2.00
" " one day's services,	1.75
James T. Brown, four and one-half days' services,	7.65
W. S. Cummings, eleven and one half days' services,	19.55
W. S. Cummings, two journeys to Boston,	3.00
Otis D. Brewer, nine days' services,	15.30
Total,	$49.25

ASSESSORS.

Paid James T. Brown, eight days' services,	$16.00
Otis D. Brewer, " " "	16.00
" " " copying "Valuation Book,"	5.00
W. S. Cummings, ten and one-half days' services,	21.00
" " " copying "Valuation Book,"	5.00
Total,	$63.00

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid W. S. Cummings, services one year,	$10.00
" " " three journeys out of town,	5.00
Otis D. Brewer, services one year,	6.00
Total,	21.00

TREASURER.

Paid Wm. F. Trowt, services one year,	$50.00

COLLECTOR.

Paid Fred P. Stanton, services one year,	$50.00

CONSTABLE AND POLICE.

Paid Herbert W. Porter, serving two warrants,	$4.32
" " " one police badge,	1.25
" " " services one year,	7.00
Charles W. Perkins, " " "	9.00

Paid Horace E. Durgin, services one year,	$ 2.00
Henry Alley, services to March 1, 1892,	10.50
" " " one year,	30.54
Total,	$64.61

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE.

Paid Henry Alley, services,	$12.40

State Aid.

Paid Mary P. Merrill, under Act of 1889, Chap. 301, 13 mos.,	$52.00
Kimball H. Drew, under Act of 1889, Chap. 301, 14 mos.,	28.00
Joseph B. Woodman, under Act of 1889, Chap. 301. 14 mos.,	56.00
John A. Hoyt, under Act of 1889, Chap. 301, 10 mos.,	40.00
Vienna J. Hoyt, under Act of 1889, Chap. 301, 10 mos.,	40.00
Warren Larrabee, under Act of 1889, Chap. 301, 14 mos.,	56.00
Harriet A. Larrabee, under Act of 1889, Chap. 301, 14 mos.,	56.00
Julia A. Norcross, under Act of 1889, Chap. 301, 6 mos.,	12.00
James M. Shattuck, under Act of 1889, Chap. 301, 4 mos.,	16.00
Warren Burpee, under Act of 1889, Chap. 301, 14 mos.	56.00
Total,	$412.00

Military Aid.

Paid Edwin Plaisted, under Act of 1889, Chap. 279, 14 mos.,	$84.00
Benjamin F. Young, under Act of 1889, Chap. 279, 1 mo.,	$12.00
Total,	$96.00

Abatements.

William Bancroft, one poll, 1891, deceased,	$2.00
Thomas Brown, " " " not liable,	2.00
Everett K. Day, " " " " "	2.00
P. F. Fields, " " "	2.00
Louis Goodrich, " " " not liable,	2.00
Arthur F. Merrill, " " " " "	2.00
John H. Merrill, " " " " "	2.00
Howard W. Trowt, " " " " "	2.00
John B. King, " " "	2.00
Warren Larrabee, " " "	2.00
Otis A. Manuel, " " "	2.00
William Rowell, " " "	2.00
John Wessel, " " "	2.00
Albert B. Thompson, one poll, 1891, removed from town,	2.00
John Brown, one poll, 1891, not liable,	2.00
Louis Kilham, personal, not liable,	1.16
B. F. Young, " " "	.87
Nicholas Dodge, " " "	.58
Richard P. Waters, personal,	46.40
Joseph F. Kent, "	13.20
Miss E. P. Dodge, " not liable,	2.90
Total,	$95.11

Summary of Town Expenses.

Schools	$1,532.89
" incidentals,	277.10
Highway department,	1,068.21
Enon avenue,	116.05
Poor department,	1,366.80
Lockup and tramps,	67.68
Town House and hall,	108.67
Park and Common,	29.37

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Cemetery,	$ 437.63
Fire department,	212.84
Library,	117.58
Incidentals,	192.28
State aid,	412.00
Military aid,	96.00
Abatements,	95.11
Town officers,	445.01
Inspector of cattle,	12.40
Hay scales,	46.95
Snow department,	264.61
Total,	$6,899.18

2,332.41

Collectors' Account.

FRED P. STANTON, COLLECTOR FOR 1892,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

Balance due on tax list, 1891,	$ 641.19
To tax list committed to him to collect for 1892,	7,163.81
Total,	$7,805.00

CREDIT.

By payments to W. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	$7,607.80
Uncollected taxes,	197.20
Total,	$7,805.00

Treasurer's Account.

WM. F. TROWT IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

	DR.
To balance in the treasury,	$540.63
Received of Wellington Pool, for rent of town hall,	81.75
" " " " " sale "cemetery lot,	10.00
" " " " " " "town histories,	3.00

Received of state corporation tax,	$ 268.87
" " National Bank tax,	257.54
" " income of Mass. school fund,	312.20
" " state aid, Chap. 301,	424.00
" military aid, " 279,	51.00
" county treasurer, for dog licenses,	156.46
" clerk of court, for fines,	16.74
" Henry Alley, " "	5.00
" Town of Leominster,	25.70
" Frank Needham, tuition for child,	12.00
" Estate of Joel Wilkins,	5.75
" Naumkeag St. Railway Co.,	16.00
" druggist's license,	1.00
" State of Mass., three notes ($1,000 each)	3,000.00
" Hay scales,	28.20
" P. H. Kavanagh, bal. due on tax list,	2.00
" J. H. Perkins, " " " " "	1.85
" Fred P. Stanton, for taxes,	7,607.80
Total,	$12,827.49

PAYMENTS.

Note due the State of Mass.,	$2,500.00
" " " estate of J. Low,	700.00
Interest on town debt,	177.12
" " temporary loan,	53.00
" " cemetery fund,	25.93
County tax,	563.22
State tax,	455.00
Selectmen's orders,	5,899.38
Balance in the treasury,	1,453.84
Total,	$12,827.49

Assessor's Valuation of the Town.

Real estate,	$470,540.00
Personal estate,	102,375.00
Total,	$572,915.00

Number of polls, 259,	
Tax on polls at $2.00 each,	$518.00
" " real and personal estate, at $11.60, on one thousand,	6,645.81
Total,	$7,163.81

Financial Statement of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Three notes, due State of Mass.,	$3,000.00
Note due trustees of cemetery fund,	475.00
Interest of cemetery fund to Jan. 29, 1893,	34.09
Note due legacy of Mary Perkins, with interest to Feb. 1, 1893,	3,079.29
Estimated amount of outstanding bills,	600.00
Total,	$7,188.38

RESOURCES.

Cash in treasury,	$1,453.84
Due from the State for state aid,	416.00
" " " " " military aid,	48.00
" " F. P. Stanton, taxes for 1892,	197.20
" " Lynn and Boston Street Railway, Salem Division,	3.50
Total,	$2,118.54

Balance against the town, Feb. 17, 1892,	$5,572.00
" " " " " 15, 1893,	5,069.84

In accordance with a vote of the town the selectmen submit the following sums to defray the ordinary expenses.

Schools,	$1,400.00
Schools, incidentals,	200.00
Poor,	1,300.00
Incidentals,	1,200.00
Highway,	1,000.00
Library,	100.00

Fire department,	$ 150.00
Interest,	350.00
Payment on debt,	500.00
Total,	$6,200.00

List of Jurors proposed by the Selectmen, Feb. 17, 1893.

Robert F. Dodge,	Warren Jones,
Henry Alley, Jr.,	Arthur D. Prince,
Samuel K. Evans,	Nathaniel P. Perkins,
Addison Williams,	Elbridge K. Standley,
Ivory Quinby,	John H. Tiney,
James H. Perkins,	George E. Perkins,
Henry A. Moulton,	Patrick H. Kavanagh.

William S. Cummings, } Selectmen of
Otis D. Brewer, } Wenham.

The undersigned has examined the foregoing accounts and find them corectly cast, and the bills on file with the orders corresponding thereto.

Simeon Dodge, Jr., Auditor.

Vital Statistics 1892.

Sixteen births, ten marriages, and twenty-one deaths were recorded in Wenham in 1892.

BIRTHS.

Of the births, four were males and twelve females. Nine of the fathers and two of the mothers were born in Wenham. All of the parents, excepting three, were of American birth.

MARRIAGES.

Six marriage certificates were issued, and ten marriages

recorded; of those married only two of the grooms and one of the brides were born in Wenham. All but two were of American birth. It was the first marriage with all, excepting two of the grooms, with whom it was the second.

DEATHS.

Of the twenty-one deaths recorded—seventeen occurred in town, fourteen were residents and four non-residents. Three were brought here for interment. Eight were removed to other places for interment.

Following is the list of deaths for 1892.

		Yrs.	mos.	das.
Jan. 1,	Charles A. Wilkins,	38	5	1
" 2,	Mary E. Perkins,	59		6
" 4,	Lydia M. Kimball,	89	6	25
" 9,	Mary J. Pierce,	79	4	21
" 25,	Sally Dodge,	87		
" 26,	George W. Parsons,	62	9	24
Feb. 4,	Philip S. Young,*	75	10	
" 23,	Francis S. Dodge,	72	10	24
Mar. 19,	Henry Dodge,*	74	10	2
" 30,	Nancy Knowlton,*	95	6	9
May 24,	Charles W. Killam,†	55	1	14
Aug. 8,	Mary A. Whipple,*	39	8	1
" 29,	Edward F. Balch* (summer resident),	49	9	2
" 31,	Catherine E. Wesel,*	53	6	19
Sept. 10,	Bessie F. Cook,		6	5
" 19,	Mable F. Clough,	13	4	15
" 28,	Mary E. Stowe,*	74	2	21
Oct. 19,	[Still-born].			
" 30,	Elizabeth B. Robinson,†	70	6	26
Nov. 10,	Henry Noyes,†	55		
Dec. 27,	John J. McMillin,*	22		

*Removed from town for interment.
†Brought to Wenham for interment.

DOGS.

Ninety-four dogs (eighty-five males and nine females) were licensed, and from the amount received therefor, the sum of one hundred and ninety-six dollars and twenty cents ($196.20) was paid into the county treasury.

The sum returned to the town was one hundred and fifty-six dollars, and forty-six cents ($156.46).

WELLINGTON POOL, *Town Clerk.*

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

ESSEX, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Wenham in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Wenham on Monday, the sixth day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :—

1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To act on the annual report of the Selectmen.
3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriations for the same and determine the manner of collecting.
5. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, said loan or loans to be paid from the taxes of the current year.
6. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.
7. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the expenses of Memorial Day, under the direction of the Sailors and Soldiers of Wenham.
8. To see if the town will raise a sufficient sum of money to pay the State and Military Aid for the ensuing year.
9. To hear the report of the Committee on Street Lights and act thereon, and raise money for the same.
10. To see what action the town will take in regard to expending the income of the Mary Perkins fund.

11. To see if the town will vote to reinsure the Town House.

12. To see if the town will choose a special Committee to carry out the desires of the citizens of Wenham, relating to the relocation of the Street Railway tracks of the Lynn and Boston R. R. Co., in the event that the road is equipped with electricity.

13. To see what action the town will take in regard to truant scholars.

14. To see what action the town will take in regard to laying out and fencing the addition to the cemetery.

15. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen, to purchase or take land for a gravel pit, and raise money for the same.

16. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The ballot shall be "Yes" or "No."

17. To see if the town will vote to celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its incorporation (May 10) and raise money for the same.

18. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, posting attested copies thereof, one at each of the public meeting houses, and at A. D. & W. F. Trowt's store, and at the chapel at Mapleville, and at the eastern part at John K. Dodge's, in said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid!

Given under our hands, this twentieth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.

WILLIAM S. CUMMINGS,
OTIS D. BREWER,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

TOWN OF WENHAM.

SCHOOL REPORT

1893.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1893.

SALEM, MASS.:
THE SALEM PRESS PUBLISHING AND PRINTING CO.
1893.

REPORT.

The School Committee of Wenham, for the year ending March, 1893, present the following report :—

The Committee received and paid out for the maintenance of the public schools, as follows :—

Town appropriation,	$1,400.00
State school fund,	312.20
Dog tax,	156.46
	$1,868.66

Paid for teaching,	$1,313.50
" " fuel,	104.00
" " care of rooms and building fires,	76.00
	$1,493.50

Paid for books, stationery and school-room supplies, $121.42

Number of persons in town on the first day of May, 1892, between five and fifteen years of age, 135.

Number of public schools, 5.

Number of different pupils of all ages, in the public schools during the year, 139.

Number attending during the year over fifteen years of age, 7.

Average membership of all the schools, 104.2

Average attendance in all the public schools during the year, 99.5.

The per cent. of attendance based upon the average membership, 95.4.

Notwithstanding the attendance of all the schools in town was very much interrupted during the last part of the winter term, in consequence of severe storms and bad travelling, yet the attendance for the year shows an increase in the number of pupils belonging, in average membership, average attendance, and also in the per cent. of attendance, which was 5.7 per cent. higher than the previous year. This is progress in the right direction.

During the summer vacation the outside of the East school house and the one at the Neck were painted two coats, and some repairing done on the inside of the school-rooms at Centre, also the black-boards in the West school-room were repaired and painted.

Columbus Day.—It was the intention of the committee, in the observance of the occasion, to have all of the schools unite in a general celebration of the event, but the prevalence of the scarlet fever in the central district, necessitated the closing of the primary and grammar schools, so that the original plan of a union celebration was given up. The day was, however, duly observed by the East, Neck and West schools, in each of which, the exercises, as given in the "Official Program," were carried out, supplemented by others suggested by the teachers. A good number of parents and friends were present at the exercises of each of the schools. Through the special efforts of teacher, pupils and citizens of the West school district, a flag was purchased and unfurled to the breeze, for the first time, from a staff upon the school building, on the morning of Oct. 21, 1892, so that the stars and stripes waved over each of the schools on Columbus Day.

Change in text books.—Harper's copy books for writing have been taken out, and the Normal Review System substituted; Swinton's Grammar has been changed for First Lessons in Language and Elements of Composition and Grammar by Southworth and Goddard. The improvement in the work done by the use of the new text books proves the wisdom of the change.

The attention of parents and guardians is called to the law in regard to school attendance, which provides that children between the ages of 8 and 14 must now attend school thirty weeks during the year; also to the following act, in regard to contagious diseases, passed in 1885:

"The school committee shall not allow any pupil to attend the public schools while any member of the household to which such pupil belongs is sick of small pox, diphtheria, or scarlet fever, or during the period of two weeks after the death, recovery or removal of such sick person, and any person, coming from such household, shall be required to present to the teacher of the school the pupil desires to attend, a certificate from the attending physician or Board of Health of the facts necessary to entitle him to admission in accordance with the above regulation."

NECK SCHOOL.

The pupils of this school were fortunate in having for their teacher at the beginning of the year, Miss Mary Newman, of Newbury, a young woman, who, with natural ability and tact, combined ample intellectual qualifications.

Miss Newman commenced her work as teacher of this school, Monday April 4th. The first visit to the school while under her care, furnished evidences that the selection of a teacher had been a fortunate one. Less than the usual time was spent in organization, classification and assignment of work to the several classes. With so good a beginning the work of the school year was entered upon by teacher and pupils with zeal and every indication of accomplishing excellent results. Subsequent inspection of the school and its daily routine confirmed our first impressions in regard to the scope and quality of the teaching. Free use was made of the black-boards in giving instruction to the youngest pupils, in which exercises the little ones manifested a lively interest. This work would be followed by familiar talks, on

the part of the teacher, and each of the pupils was encouraged to tell a short story about some familiar object or animal; in this way they early learned to put their thoughts into sentences, a practice we cannot too highly commend.

Miss Newman is peculiarly fortunate in being able to adapt her teaching to those just beginning to take their first steps up the hill of knowledge, and is equally as successful in leading those of more mature minds into the broader and higher fields of intellectual study. The method of instruction was critical and thorough, the purpose evidently being to inspire a love of intellectual pursuits. Miss Newman had charge of the school during the summer term; near the end of the vacation she sent in her resignation, very much to the regret of scholars, parents and committee. Few teachers in schools of this mixed character were ever more fortunate and successful in winning the affections of their scholars, in awakening an interest in study and imparting instruction, than Miss Newman. The school, while under her care, was in an excellent condition, and made very commendable progress. Her place was filled by Miss Alice S. Graham of Manchester, who had charge of the school during the fall and winter terms. Though at the time that Miss Graham engaged to take charge of the school the committee had no personal knowledge—having never visited her school—of her ability as a teacher, yet her examination as to literary qualification, together with testimonials of success in her former field of labor, justified bigh hopes for the school, if the general method—then outlined—of conducting the exercises of the school was pursued. Entertaining such views of her prospective success she was made Miss Newman's successor and entered upon her work Sept. 6. She found the school in excellent condition, and from the manner in which she took up the work, it seemed to be her determined purpose, that, so far, at least, as *her* efforts were concerned it should continue to maintain its previous rank, for scholarship and good order. The committee noticed, with pleasure, the general character-

istics of the school, the discipline, system and attention to school requirements.

The class of little folk, that had made such a good beginning in their school work the previous term, seemed to have lost none of their interest, in consequence of a change of teachers. The older pupils very readily adapted themselves to the new order of things, and the work of the school-room was carried on with success.

The school was well classified and instructed. The study given to the principles of grammar and their practical application to parsing and analysis of sentences was satisfactory. In arithmetic the ground covered by the year's work and the quality of the work, both mental and written, were deserving of commendation.

During the fall and winter terms the school received instruction in music, from the music teacher of the previous year, Mrs. C. O. Killam, the necessary money having been collected from the patrons and friends of the school, through the personal interest and efforts of Mrs. Robert F. Dodge.

The public exercises of the examination were attended by a good number of the parents and friends of the pupils, and all seemed pleased with the exhibit of the year's instruction and acquirements. During the first of the examination it was apparent that neither the teacher nor pupils were quite at their ease, but they soon regained their usual confidence and met the requirements of the occasion in a very satisfactory manner. Mrs. Killam gave an excellent exhibition of what had been accomplished in music.

Not absent during the summer term—John Philbrick, Lucy Cole and Alice Dodge. Fall term—Lewis Dodge. Winter term—John Philbrick. Not absent during the year—Fred Prince.

EAST SCHOOL.

The experience of this school during the past year, in having three different teachers, was somewhat varied from that of its previous history, when it was favored with the instruc-

tion of the same teacher, not only for one year but for a number of years; and the drawbacks to the highest success consequent upon such frequent changes were apparent, especially, to those having the school in charge.

Miss Nellie A. Kinsman taught the school during the latter part of the winter term of the previous year, and her success in completing the work, mapped out by her predecessor, satisfied the committee that it would be for the best interest of the school to continue her services. She was, therefore, reengaged and entered upon her work Monday, Apr. 4. Soon after the commencement, the school was visited, when the order and classification were found to be good, the attention of the pupils to their studies fair and the general atmosphere of the school-room indicative of pleasant relations between teacher and pupils foreshadowing desirable results. Subsequent visits during the term and the examination of the classes in their respective studies fully convinced the committee that the appointment of Miss Kinsman as its teacher was fully warranted by the nature of the work done.

During the term, under the supervision of the teacher, the school gave two entertainments, consisting of singing, recitations, dialogues, etc., the proceeds of which were given for the purchase of a flag for the school. Much credit is due to teacher and pupils for their efforts in so patriotic a cause. The committee take this occasion to express their appreciation and thanks to Mr. John K. Dodge, for his liberal gift, of a fine flag staff, from which, the new school flag was thrown to the breeze, on Columbus Day.

Near the close of the summer vacation, Miss Kinsman resigned and the vacancy was filled by Miss Mary P. Grover, of Tapleyville, a young woman thoroughly qualified for her position in reference to literary attainments and a teacher of some experience. Owing to the short time allowed to secure a successor to Miss Kinsman, the school did not begin until Sept. 12, so that the fall term was only ten weeks in length.

At the first visit to the school while in charge of Miss

Grover, the committee were pleased with the teacher's method of instruction, which was systematic and critical; the working condition of the school in respect to order and attention to study was commendable. Subsequent inspection of the school, however, did not realize hopes previously entertained; for while the teacher brought to her work a fair share of energy and was in no respect wanting in interest, yet she failed to secure and retain the respect and hence the willing and cheerful obedience of her pupils. A laxity of discipline necessarily retarded the progress of mental development. While the teacher labored earnestly and faithfully, yet the school was not satisfactory.

At the close of the fall term Miss Grover resigned and Miss Luella B. Cogswell, of Essex, was appointed to fill the vacancy. Miss Cogswell is a young woman of good attainments and some practical experience as a teacher. At the commencement of the term, it required decision and persevering effort to bring the school into a good working condition. This object having been secured, by establishing order *enforcing obedience* to wholesome regulations, the work of the school-room, in respect to study and recitations, was prosecuted with a good degree of success.

The supervision of the school while in charge of Miss Cogswell was a pleasing duty; energy and a happy adaptation distinguished her services and rendered them valuable. The scholars, while controlled by thorough discipline, seemed happy in their school relations. Their steady advancement in the various studies pursued contributed to the pleasure and profit of the term's work.

At the closing examination, which was held on Friday, P. M. Mar. 10, the school appeared well, the order and discipline were very satisfactory, and there were evidences of a good degree of improvement in most of the studies. The reading was defective in correct emphasis and clearness of articulation; the spelling was excellent. The recitations in physiology, algebra and history were very satisfactory. In

arithmetic, the work upon the black-boards gave proof of a practical understanding of the portions studied. Much improvement was noticed in the writing and also in drawing, and the books, for the most part, were neatly kept.

Not absent during the summer term—Lizzie Williams. Fall term—Grace Ayers, Addie Williams, Josie Williams, Nellie Preston and Lizzie Williams. Winter term—Howard Preston. During the year—Clara E. Williams.

CENTRE PRIMARY.

The evils of frequent changes of teachers, so common in some localities, we are happy to say are not so marked as in many places. Those having this matter in charge have generally been reluctant to make unnecessary changes. If, however, a public servant proves himself or herself unfit for the position, unworthy of confidence, a reasonable regard for the public welfare demands a dismissal. The change of a good teacher is always unprofitable and at least a temporary evil. Skill results from continued effort in any department of labor, and in none is it more apparent than in that of the school room. Those who were intrusted with the supervision of this school felt, therefore, that its interests would be best secured and carried out by a continuation of the relations that had previously existed; they, therefore, re-engaged Miss Durgin, who had taught the school so acceptably during the two previous years. She fully realized the fact that, in taking charge of the school for the third year, more and better work, and more practical results would be looked for and required, on account of her previous experience, as regards the disposition and individual peculiarities of her pupils and the essential requirements of the school.

At the time of visiting the school it was apparent that the teacher spared neither time nor energy in her efforts to interest and advance those committed to her care. A very noticeable and gratifying characteristic of Miss Durgin's teaching

was that, if any one pupil in a class received more attention than another, it was invariably the pupil who was most deficient in the preparation of the lesson under consideration.

The classification of the school, so as to reduce the number of classes to the minimum in order to give as much time as possible to each class, was attended with no inconsiderable difficulty in consequence of the mixed character of the school and the varied attainments of the pupils. With the best classification that could be made, the teacher had for her daily routine of recitations, fourteen classes; five in reading, four in arithmetic, two in geography, two in spelling and one in language. During the summer term, there was more than the usual number of little ones, who took their first lessons in school life; and though their work was of the most elementary nature, yet much of the time of the teacher was imperatively required in order to interest and instruct such young minds in their first efforts in school work. Those at all familiar with the training of such youthful pupils, know full well, that simple principles and facts, such as are adapted to pupils of so tender an age, must, in order to produce the best results, be presented in a way that their first impressions of school requirements may not be unfavorable, or the work regarded as irksome. To accomplish this, a large demand is made upon the time, patience, tact and versatility of the teacher. It gives us pleasure to report that Miss Durgin was very successful in her efforts with this part of her school charge. The interest felt in the children has sustained a corresponding interest on their part, and made the mutual relations pleasant. In arithmetic, mental and written, the instruction was thorough and practical, and the ground covered was satisfactory. In the study of geography, the second class went as far as the Middle Atlantic States in Warren's Primary; and the first class studied the Middle, Southern, Central and Pacific States and Territories. In all of the school work, oral exercises were an important factor.

The occasional introduction of calisthenics gave a pleasing

and profitable variety to the usual routine of school duties. On Tuesday and Friday afternoons Miss Durgin gave her school lessons in music, in which the pupils were much interested. On account of the prevalence of the scarlet-fever, the school was closed Oct. 6, and was not opened until Monday, Nov. 28.

The attendance throughout the year was excellent, and at the public examination, which was held on Thursday, P.M., Mar. 16, very much to the credit of teacher, pupils and parents, every member of the school was present. This was as it should always be on all such occasions—absence on account of sickness excepted. The exercises of the examination were attended by many of the parents and friends of the teacher and pupils, and all, judging from the interest manifested, seemed well pleased with the results of the year's instruction. The examination fully realized the expectations of those having the school in charge and furnished satisfactory evidence that every effort had been made by the teacher to meet all reasonable requirements. The pupils were questioned on the work of the year and gave their answers promptly and for the most part correctly. Those who addressed the school spoke in terms of high commendation of the year's results.

Not absent during the summer term — Carrie Plaisted, Mattie Porter, Frankie Butman and Arthur Trowt. Fall term—Freddie Brewer, Roy Stanley and Carrie Plaisted. During the year—Josie Plaisted.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

To secure a teacher for this school, qualified by education, experience and a natural adaptation for the situation, was a matter of no little anxiety to the committee. Knowing of no one that would so fully meet the requirements of the position as Mrs. Gould, they urged her acceptance of the school and were more than pleased when she gave an affirmative reply and entered upon her work as teacher, Monday, Apr. 4.

The teacher of this department is too well and favorably known, not only by her residence, but also, by her long and successful services in the primary department of this district, to need any formal introduction. The patrons of the school, therefore, may well be congratulated that they had their children under the guidance and instruction of so efficient and successful a teacher as Mrs. Grace R. Gould. Her five years of experience in the primary school had familiarized her with the individual peculiarities and requirements of most of her pupils, so that, unlike an entire stranger, she was to them, at once, a teacher in the true sense of the word, as ready and competent to instruct as she was anxious to vary the instruction to the individual necessities of her pupils.

In visiting the school soon after its opening it was apparent, that the large number of classes was a source of much annoyance to the teacher, as a very limited time to each class was unavoidable; this rendered the class recitations very unsatisfactory. To remedy this evil, partially, at least,—where it could be done without serious detriment to either—some of the classes were united and some alternated in their work; by this arrangement much more time was allowed to each recitation and the quality of the work during class drill greatly improved. Subsequent inspection of the school and its daily routine work furnished evidence that no error in judgment had been made in the selection of a teacher for this department. The mode of instruction was systematic, critical and thorough. No one branch of study was made unduly prominent, but each received its appropriate share of time and attention. A very pleasing characteristic of the school, and one that we fully approve and recommend, was the method of monthly written examinations. In our inspection of those written tests we found indisputable proofs of mental growth and progress on the part of the pupils and of thorough instruction by the teacher. This will be more apparent by one or two illustrations. The average per cent. of the written examination of the first class in arithmetic was 58 for the

first and 70 for the second examination; and of the second class, 42 for the first and 74 for the second; figures that leave no uncertainty as to the quality of the work performed.

The school, like the primary and for the same cause, was closed from Oct. 6th to Nov. 28th. The work required during the year was within the ability of the diligent, but too great to allow any indolence or stupidity.

The general character of the school greatly improved during the year, the pupils manifested a growing interest in its requirements, and the appearance of the school in its entirety became more scholarly.

A deep gloom and sadness prevaded the atmosphere of the school, on account of the death of one of its loved and cherished pupils, Mabel Clough. While her death has left a deep sorrow, her memory is still kept fresh by loving teacher and companions.

The public examination of the school, which took place on Friday P. M., Mar. 17, was an appropriate closing up of the year's school work. A large number of visitors were present, and all, judged by the attention given and the interest manifested in the exercises, were thoroughly satisfied with the quality and quantity of the year's exhibit, so far as it could be shown in the time allowed on such an occasion. The school requires no special commendation at the hands of the committee. To those who availed themselves of the opportunity to visit it while engaged in its every-day work, and to the numerous spectators at the examination, the school has spoken for itself. The recitations of the classes furnished unmistakable evidence that they had received thorough and critical instruction.

While it is not our purpose to speak of the school in full detail, it is but just to speak of the recitations in history, physiology and arithmetic, together with that in civil government, as of peculiar excellence.

The compositions read and the recital of selections in reading, together with the exercise in calisthenics and the sing-

ing added to the interest of the examination. The year's work in this department was a grand success.

Not absent during the summer term.—Charles McQueeny, Fred Pulsifer, Frank Merrill, Walter Homan, Annie D. Trowt, Ethel M. Hall and Bessie Pulsifer. Fall term.—Fred Pulsifer, Nelson Porter, Annie D. Trowt, Bessie Plaisted and Ethel Hall. Winter term—Grace McQueeny and Charles McQueeny.

WEST SCHOOL.

This school was continued under the charge of Miss Lizzie M. Brown, the teacher of the preceding year. Commencing the year with a commendable desire to promote the welfare of her school, the teacher labored faithfully, zealously and successfully, securing real progress—mental growth and proficiency in school pursuits.

The experiences of the previous year were rendered eminently useful, seizing upon every available instrumentality, every expedient to inspire her pupils with proper ideas of the great importance of mental culture and the advantage of school attainments. As a result of previous experience, determined effort and assiduous labor of the teacher, there was an increased general interest awakened among the pupils, attended by a manifest improvement in spirit, energy and promptness. The discipline was quiet and firm; the order excellent; the instruction logical and thorough—in few words; adapted to awaken thought, to aid the scholar in understanding principles and reasons and to state them. Through the entire school year, very pleasant relations existed between teacher and pupils. The supervision of the school was no irksome task, and we often felt while discharging this duty, that no visitor, at all familiar with school atmosphere and employments, could fail to be impressed by the feeling of rivalry among the scholars, as they endeavored to show, which by merit could secure the largest share of the teacher's approval. A noticeable characteristic of many of the pupils

of this school, not only during the past year, but also among the scholars of previous years, was the seeming inability, at the time of recitation, to give their answers in a clear and intelligent manner. The teacher was fully cognizant of this defect and endeavored by every possible means—to her available—to correct the evil and improve her pupils in their habits of expression; and while perfection has not been attained, yet it gives us great pleasure to be able to report that a very decided improvement in the fullness and mode of expression has been accomplished during the past year.

In the study of mental arithmetic the careful attention of the previous year was continued and the results accomplished were creditable alike to the teacher, for her patience and thoroughness in teaching this branch of study and to the pupils, for their efforts to profit by her instruction. The study of written arithmetic received its full share of attention, and most of the pupils, when tested by work upon the black-boards, were able to demonstrate the correctness of the solution of their examples with exactness, furnishing proof that they were trained to habits of thought. In grammar the classes made excellent progress, in the study of which free use was made of the black-boards, upon which sentences were written, analyzed and parsed in a manner that showed familiarity with the principles of grammar and their application in parsing and the construction of sentences. Much care was taken to teach the elements of reading correctly. In spelling, the school more than maintained its rank of the previous years. What has been said of the quality of the work in arithmetic, grammar, reading and spelling, applies equally to the other branches of study.

The work of the school during the year included the following studies and the subjects pursued in each: in grammar, the second class took the kinds of sentences, parts of speech and parsing of words; the first class, a general review of the text-book, analysis and parsing. In geography, the second class took divisions of land and water, practical lessons

on North America, and description of North America as far as the Southern states; the first class, special geography of the New England, Middle Atlantic, Central and Southern states and map drawing. In arithmetic, the second class studied the four fundamental rules in connection, United States money and common fractions; the first class, percentage, interest, ratio and proportion with taxes. In history, the second class took explorations, planting of the colonies, Colonial wars and the Revolutionary war as far as the third year; the first class studied the administrations and the Civil war. The class in physiology gave its attention to the study of the framework of the body, muscles, integuments, digestion, circulation, respiration and the nervous system. There were in addition to the foregoing, the reading, writing and spelling of all the classes and also much primary work with the younger portion of the school, concerning all of which a good report can be given.

The school was well taught and governed, and the progress made proves the fact that the teacher labored with fidelity and zeal. Comparing the work with that of the previous year, the improvement was very decided and satisfactory. On account of the sickness of Miss Brown the school was closed, without a public examination, two weeks before the appointed time.

Not absent during the summer term:—Arthur Cook, Lester Standley and Emily Cook. Fall term:—Lester Brown, Willie Cook, Arthur Cook and Emily Cook. Winter term:—Lester Brown and Willie Cook. Not absent during the year—Sidney Cook.

FRANCIS M. DODGE,
ELBRIDGE PORTER,
JOSIAH B. BROWN,
} *School Committee of Wenham.*

WENHAM

Annual Town Report

1893-4

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1894,

WITH THE

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

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REPORT.

School Department.

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid L. B. Cogswell, teaching winter term, 1892–3,		$112.00
" " " spring " 1893,		96.00
" " " fall " "		96.00
" " " winter term, 1893–4, 1 mo.,		32.00
John K. Dodge, wood,		18.00
L. A. Preston, care of schoolroom,		10.00
Total,		$364.00

NECK SCHOOL.

Paid A. S. Graham, teaching part fall term, 1892,		$33.00
" " " winter term, 1892–3,		108.00
S. B. Williams, " spring term, 1893,		96.00
" " " fall term, 1893,		108.00
" " " part winter term, 1893, six weeks,		54.00
Charles Wilkins, wood,		18.00
S. C. Prince, care of room and fires,		10.00
Total,		$427.00

CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Paid B. M. Durgin, teaching fall term, 1892, 1 month,		$32.00
" " " winter " 1892–3,		96.00
" " " spring " 1893,		102.00
" " " fall " "		102.00
" " " winter " 1893–4, 7 weeks,		59.50

Paid W. Pool, care of room and fires,	$ 15.00
Mrs. Soper, cleaning room,	2.50
J. Girdler, coal,	25.50
Total,	$434.50

CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid G. H. Gould, teaching fall term, 1892, 5 weeks,	$45.00
" " " winter " 1892–3,	108.00
" " " spring " 1893,	103.00
" " " fall " "	120.00
" " " winter " 1893–4, 3 weeks,	30.00
J. Girdler, coal,	40.00
W. Pool, care of room and fires,	15.00
Total,	$461.00

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid L. M. Brown, teaching winter term, 1892–3,	$90.00
" " " spring " 1893,	108.00
G. E. Pitcher, teaching fall term, 1893,	96.00
" " " winter term, 1893–4, 8 weeks,	72.00
Harlam Brown, care of room and fire,	10.00
Warren Burpee, labor on stove funnel,	.50
Mrs. Soper, cleaning room,	2.00
J. Girdler, coal,	19.13
J. G. Kent, wood,	5.00
Total,	$402.63

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Paid Boston School Supply Co., books,	$64.32
Merrill & Mackintire, supplies,	7.55
J. R. Hammett, supplies,	4.61
Wm. Ware & Co., books,	28.35
Mainard & Merrill, supplies,	6.75
G. H. Gould, record book,	.35
O. C. Hinchliffe, clock,	5.00
W. J. Pyle, "Teacher's Anatomical Aid,"	30.00
O. D. Case & Co., desks and chairs, Grammar school,	139.35
B. & M. Railroad, freight on above,	6.95

Paid	G. H. Woodbury, labor, Neck school,	$ 2.00
	H. W. Dodge, labor and stock, East school,	16.22
	" " " " Neck "	19.71
	Almy, Bigelow & Washburn, window shades,	9.60
	J. K. Dodge, repairs on East school,	4.25
	C. F. Elliott, labor and stock, Centre schools,	56.63
	G. & C. Merriam Co., international dictionary,	9.25
	Elbridge Porter, labor on school buildings,	6.00
	W. C. Packard, chairs, Primary school,	2.25
	F. M. Dodge, books and expressage in 1889,	14.07
	" " books and supplies in 1891,	10.20
	Silver, Burdett & Co., 32 dozen tracing books,	28.38
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	.80
	Total,	$472.59

Highway Department.

P. H. Kavanagh, Superintendent of Streets.

WARD ONE.

Paid	A. Williams,	$20.87
	J. K. Dodge,	17.68
	D. W. Preston,	12.73
	P. Morrill,	6.12
	J. W. Higgins,	4.42
	T. Higgins,	3.91
	G. W. Stillman,	2.27
	J. Gentlee, gravel,	1.35
	Total,	$69.35

WARD TWO.

Paid	Jacob Brown,	$17.68
	J. Gentlee,	30.18
	F. S. Lovett, Jr.,	5.10
	R. F. Dodge,	31.83
	F. T. Johnson,	9.01
	O. P. Thompson,	16.06
	W. S. Putnam,	15.21
	Total,	$125.07

WARD THREE.

Paid	Z. Cole,	$24.71
	C. Wilkins,	24.72
	S. R. Prince,	22.58
	F. M. Dodge,	15.57
	Estate of C. O. Killam,	9.68
	W. Tucker,	4.59
	D. Pingree,	3.06
	Total,	$104.91

WARD FOUR.

Paid	P. H. Kavanagh,	$9.80
	W. P. Dodge,	9.80
	E. K. Batchelder,	3.40
	D. A. Homan,	3.40
	D. Harrigan,	3.40
	G. W. Jones,	3.40
	W. Jones,	3.40
	G. F. Dodge, gravel,	10.60
	Total,	$47.20

WARDS FIVE, SIX AND NINE.

Paid	P. H. Kavanagh,	$50.58
	" " gravel, 498 loads,	49.80
	Warren Jones,	7.53
	Harper & Hill,	6.60
	M. Sullivan,	31.85
	D. A. Homan,	2.55
	G. W. Jones,	2.55
	E. K. Batchelder,	15.64
	A. Tinkham,	8.50
	E. Porter,	18.68
	P. M. Barnes,	3.40
	J. R. Sargent,	30.38
	C. W. Perkins,	17.35
	D. Harrigan,	10.54
	W. S. Cummings,	23.45

Paid J. L. Batchelder,	$ 6.80
A. W. Trowt,	14.79
J. Williams,	13.94
J. Kavanagh,	59.12
Total,	$374.05

WARD SEVEN.

Paid P. H. Kavanagh,	$16.65
J. Kavanagh,	9.80
John Williams,	5.10
Jason Williams,	1.70
S. K. Evans,	3.40
W. S. Cummings,	3.40
N. P. Perkins,	32.39
S. S. Cook,	6.70
J. G. Kent,	5.10
J. W. L. Moulton,	13.20
A. H. Peabody,	31.36
H. N. Burpee,	23.94
W. Burpee,	11.05
S. C. Alley,	3.80
J. A. Putnam, gravel,	.88
J. F. Flint, "	7.45
D. P. Towne, "	6.36
W. B. Morgan, gravel,	3.30
Total,	$185.58

WARD EIGHT.

Paid E. L. Kimball,	$11.70
C. Kimball,	5.10
C. E. Kimball,	4.25
C. Stanton,	3.40
J. Wessel,	6.80
Mrs. James Brown,	9.80
" " gravel,	8.60
W. Burpee,	3.40
Total,	$53.05

Snow Department.

Paid A. Williams,	Ward	one,	$6.60
J. K. Dodge,	"	"	5.20
S. Hawkins,	"	"	1.80
J. Gentlee,	"	two,	34.30
C. T. Brown,	"	"	18.30
A. F. Putman.	"	"	26.91
F. S. Lovett, Jr.,	"	"	10.15
T. F. Johnson,	"	"	16.00
R. F. Dodge,	"	"	3.00
J. Putnam,	"	"	.70
G. W. Johnson,	"	"	6.90
Z. Cole,	"	three,	19.80
S. R. Prince,	"	"	15.60
A. Young,	"	"	5.40
C. Greenlan,	"	"	9.90
C. O. Killam,	"	"	1.50
A. Norcross,	"	"	7.80
A. Bixby,	"	"	8.30
C. Wilkins,	"	"	12.70
F. Edwards,	"	"	10.40
F. M. Dodge,	"	"	15.80
W. T. Tucker,	"	"	4.90
H. W. Dodge,	"	"	3.60
H. Killam,	"	"	7.80
T. Killam,	"	"	4.50
J. P. Conant,	"	"	1.40
E. Grant,	"	"	3.60
W. P. Dodge,	"	four,	18.45
G. F. Dodge,	"	"	.80
Dennis Harrigan,	"	"	3.60
C. W. Patch,	"	"	2.40
P. H. Kavanagh,	Wards four, five, six and nine,		13.80
Harper & Hill,	"	" " " " "	27.20
M. Sullivan,	"	" " " " "	6.40
W. S. Cummings,	"	" " " " "	6.50
C. F. Herrick,	"	" " " " "	2.20
H. N. Whiting,	"	" " " " "	6.20

Paid C. Whiting,	Ward, four, five, six, and nine,	$	2.20
D. A. Homan,	" " " " " "		4.60
W. Jones,	" " " " " "		5.30
F. Knowlton,	" " " " " "		2.20
L. Merrill,	" " " " " "		2.20
E. Batchelder,	" " " " " "		2.20
E. K. Batchelder,	" " " " " "		5.60
H. A. Cook,	" " " " " "		2.20
F. Porter,	" " " " " "		6.30
S. Tinkham,	" " " " " "		2.20
J. Williams,	" " " " " "		12.10
C. W. Patch,	" " " " " "		.20
C. W. Perkins,	" " " " " "		6.30
E. Tinkham,	" " " " " "		6.40
A. Hodgden,	" " " " " "		.60
E. Dodge,	" " " " " "		.60
E. D. Brown,	" " " " " "		4.20
J. L. Batchelder,	" " " " " "		.40
S. K. Evans,	" " " " " "		.80
F. A. Standley,	" " " " " "		1.60
O. A. Clark,	" " " " " "		12.90
J. R. Sargent,	" " " " " "		27.30
G. E. Perkins.	" " " " " "		1.00
F. F. Abbott,	" " " " " "		1.00
J. Tinkham,	" " " " " "		4.20
F. H. Farr,	" " " " " "		5.30
E. Porter,	" " " " " "		6.80
J. Kavanagh,	" " " " " "		12.80
J. W. Bartlett,	" " " " " "		2.00
H. Hall,	" " " " " "		.40
J. F. Batchelder,	" " " " " "		1.60
A. W. Trowt,	" " " " " "		2.80
W. Guild,	" " " " " "		.30
W. S. King,	" " " " " "		1.40
C. S. Cook,	Ward seven,		19.70
G. W. Peabody, Jr.,	" "		15.40
H. S. Cook,	" "		11.40
A. H. Peabody,	" "		15.40
J. G. Kent,	" "		12.80
S. S. Cook,	" "		18.19

Paid S. C. Alley,	Ward seven,	$ 8.50
W. Chase,	" "	9.70
S. E. Kimball,	" "	3.95
J. H. Tiney,	" "	8.00
N. P. Perkins,	" "	5.20
L. W. Batchelder,	" "	10.80
E. K. Standley,	" "	3.10
I. D. Batchelder,	" "	2.60
G. A. Perkins,	" "	15.10
E. A. Dodge,	" "	1.75
W. Burpee,	" "	7.20
H. N. Burpee,	" "	.90
F. Roberts,	" "	2.60
J. W. L. Moulton,	" "	3.40
G. W. Peabody,	" "	1.60
H. Flint,	" "	5.10
N. Hodge,	" "	2.30
A. R. Bowden,	" "	3.50
J. W. Cass,	" "	1.60
S. Cook,	" "	2.00
J. McCoy,	" "	.80
Total,		$691.00

Poor Department.

AUGUSTUS HUTCHINSON.

Paid E. H. Knight, clothing,		$1.00
Naumkeag Clothing Co., clothing,		.50
Stover & Kerr,	"	11.00
F. H. Moreland, shoes,		.50
Geo. E. Pearson, "		2.00
Geo. B. Moulton, medicines,		1.60
Dr. Chas. B. Leroyd, medical attendance,		30.00
Wm. Hutchinson, board,		96.00
Peter Roberts, "		86.00
Total,		$228.60

JOHN A. HOYT.

Paid cash for board and transportation to Soldier's Home, at Togus, Me.,	$14.85
City of Haverhill, supplies,	28.82
E. H. Ferguson (Topsfield Undertaker), services, etc.,	18.00
W. Pool, interment,	4.00
Total,	$65.67

EDWIN PLAISTED.

Paid A. W. Bixby (Topsfield), board and care,	$25.00
Dr. Thos. L. Jenkins (Topsfield), medical services,	17.05
James H. Perkins, medicines,	4.15
J. W. L. Moulton, board,	136.00
P. H. Kavanagh, moving from Topsfield,	2.00
Dr. J. C. Batchelder, medical services,	1.50
Mrs. A. B. Tyler, board of Mrs. Edwin Plaisted,	10.00
Total,	$195.70

CHAS. O. TUTTLE.

Paid Albert Roberts, supplies,	$15.00

CHAS. T. SMITH.

Paid Lee & Cressy, funeral charges in 1888,	$20.00
S. A. Gentlee, interment at Beverly, in 1888,	4.50
Total,	$24.50

FAMILY OF RICHARD BURNHAM.

Paid Town of Danvers, for supplies,	$84.00
Love & Russell, coal,	13.00
Total,	$97.00

IVORY DAY.

Paid H. P. Woodbury, supplies,	$126.83

MRS. HELEN TERRIO.

Paid city of Salem, supplies,	$33.00

KIMBALL H. DREW.

Paid	C. H. & J. Price, supplies,	$4.00
	Dr. J. C. Batchelder, medical services,	8 00
	Total,	$12.00

GEORGE W. BABCOCK AND FAMILY.

Paid	Town of Melrose, supplies,	$372.30

GEORGE W. CHANNEL.

Paid	James H. Perkins, Jr., supplies,	$2.25

FAMILY OF C. H. PIERCE.

Paid	Town of Beverly, supplies,	$67.63

T. H. CLARK.

Paid	Cash for his support,	$20.00

Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary.

Paid	F. P. Stanton, postage and expressage,	$5.82
	E. E. Clark, labor and teaming,	2.00
	O. A. Clark, labor,	1.25
	H. S. Clark, labor,	1.00
	The Beverly Times, printing,	7.93
	W. C. Henderson, decorating hall,	5.00
	C. F. Elliott, labor and stock in church,	1 50
	S. Dodge, Jr., telephone, car fares and labor,	1.85
	" " 31 dinner tickets for guests and bands,	23.25
	W. H. Wheeler, printing,	10.75
	Harvard Coöperative Society, printing,	39.15
	Apollo Quartette Club, music,	39.25
	Salem Cadet Band, music,	26.24
	Total,	$164.99

Lockup and Tramps.

Paid	D. A. Homan, care of 279 tramps,	$50.00
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	9.82
	Total,	$59.82

Town House and Hall.

Paid	Jason Clark, repairs,		$2.00
	Wm. F. Trowt, agent fire insurance, five years,		
	" Liverpool, London & Globe,"	$2,500	
	" Home Insurance of New York,"	2,500	
		$5,000	112.50
	Thos. Horn, labor and stock,		9.96
	D. E. Homan, repairs to basement wall,		19.95
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,		5.75
	Ivory Quinby, repairs to water spout, etc.,		4.83
	W. W. Hinckley, repairs on furnace,		28.10
	J. Girdler, coal,		42.84
	H. E. Durgin, labor, etc ,		.50
	A. J. Walker, tuning and regulating piano,		5.00
	W. Pool, care of town room, hall and supplies,		53.25
	Total,		$284.68

Park and Common.

Paid	Wellington Pool, labor,	$14.15
	" " cash for labor,	3.75
	Harry O. Brewer, care of light,	10.00
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, oil, chimneys, etc.,	6.85
	Total,	$34.75

Fire Department.

Paid	Thirty-six members,	$72.00
	R. & J. Robertson, repairs on engine,	$14.60
	A. J. Morse & Co., " "	2.50
	J. H. Perkins, Jr., supplies,	1.40
	H. E. Durgin, repairs,	2.25
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	6.87
	Ivory Quinby, "	3.70

Paid O. E. McQueeny, supplies,		$ 1.75
A. S. Jackson, fifty feet of hose, less old hose,		10.43
John Girdler, coal,		12.50
G. H. Gibney, coal,		14.75
Total,		$142.75

Library.

Paid American Express,		$ .90
H. W. Porter, stock and labor in library,		25.50
DeWolf, Fiske & Co., books,		76.23
Salem Press, binding magazines,		2.50
B. H. Conant, incidental expenses,		4.44
" " expenses of committee to Boston,		5.00
Total,		$114.57

Incidentals.

Paid B. H. Conant, care of town clock,		$20.00
Geo. E. Homan, watching prisoner,		2.00
D. A. Homan, " "		1.89
Salem Press Pub. Co., printing town report,		28.00
" " " school "		21.25
American Express Co., expressage,		4.70
Wachusett Mutual Fire Ins. Co., policy for $500 on library,	$12.50	
60 % assessment on same,	7.50	
		20.00
Ivory Quinby, new town pump,		17.55
R. E. Dodge, service as moderator,		3.00
Beverly Times, printing Board of Health regulations,		10.00
Advertising hearings account electric railroads,		3.75
Sec'y of Commonwealth, register of voters,		1.25
Salem Gazette, printing posters and assessor's notices,		5.75
" " " tax bills and voting lists,		18.50
Village Improvement Society, half cost grading town house grounds,		12.50

Paid David Pingree, cash for blank book,	$ .90
" " horse for state aid agent,	1.00
Putnam & Pope, railing on Chebacco street,	9.95
W. W. Hinckley, repairing stove, Primary school,	5.00
O. E. McQueeny, " old pump,	.40
W. Pool, returning deaths as undertaker,	7.00
" administering oaths,	3.75
" cash paid for expressing,	2.98
" labor in town hall basement,	.35
J. H. Perkins, Jr., pass books,	.75
" " supplies for Board of Health,	.50
J. Gentlee, teaming drain pipe,	1.25
" cedar posts, teaming and setting railing on Chebacco street,	8.85
F. T. Johnson, labor on Chebacco street,	2.55
C. T. Brown, " " "	1.53
P. H. Kavanagh, removing and replacing snow fence,	5.00
J. M. Parsons, drain pipe,	3.85
Whitcomb & Carter, supplies,	5.20
G. E. Foster & Co., repair of town safes,	23.75
H. E. Durgin, yoke for tree,	2.40
" " repairs on hearse,	1.50
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	1.10
Dr. S. E. Thayer, returning births to Town Clerk,	2.00
D. W. Preston, labor on East schoolhouse,	1.00
Ivory Quinby, labor on hay scales,	.90
Sundry items,	9.93
Total,	$273.53

Cemetery.

Paid H. L. Eaton, surveying,	$23.50
" " two deeds,	1.50
J. R. Sargent, labor and cash paid,	13.35
H. K. Tarr, 21⅔ rods of stone wall,	27.09
M. Sullivan, hauling above,	26.05
D. E. Homan, laying wall,	25.07
James H. Perkins, 5¼ days' labor,	10.50
" " cash paid,	.30

Paid	Putnam & Pope, lumber,	$ 5.36
	E. Porter, labor and teaming,	4.75
	G. W. Jones and D. E. Homan, putting up wall,	2.50
	Total,	$139.97

Town Officers.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid	Elbridge Porter, services to March 1, 1893,	$26.00
	" " taking census of school children,	4.00
	J. B. Brown, services to March 1, 1893,	24.00
	F. M. Dodge, " " 1, 1892,	102.00
	Total,	$156.00

TOWN CLERK.

Paid	Wellington Pool, salary one year,	$20.00
	" " postage and stationery,	3.17
	" " preparing tally sheets, register's notices, voting lists, etc.,	7.50
	" " returning vote for representative,	2.00
	" " recording births, marriages and deaths,	14.25
	Total,	$46.92

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Paid	Henry A. Moulton,	$2.50
	R. F. Dodge,	1.50
	F. P. Stanton,	2.50
	Total,	$6.50

REGISTRARS.

Paid	Wm. S. Cummings,	2 sessions	$3.00
	O D. Brewer,	2 "	3.00
	W. Pool,	10 "	10.00
	J. Gentlee,	7 "	7.00
	N. P. Perkins,	5 "	5.00

Paid D. Pingree, 7 sessions,	$ 7.00
W. Poole, cash paid for care of Baptist Chapel to date,	.75
Total,	$35.75

AUDITOR.

Pald Simeon Dodge, Jr., services 1893,	3.00

SELECTMEN.

Paid W. S. Cummings, balance for services in 1892 and '93,	$12.65
O. P. Brewer, " " " " " " "	5.95
John Gentlee, 16 days' service,	27.20
" " journeys out of town,	4.00
" " conducting correspondence and making returns,	15.00
N. P. Perkins, 17 days' service,	28.90
D. Pingree, 14 1-2 " "	24.65
Total,	$118.35

ASSESSORS.

Paid D. Pingree,	14 days service,	$35.00
J. H. Perkins,	14 " "	35.00
J. Gentlee,	13 1-2 " "	33.75
D. W. Preston,	12 1-2 " "	31.25
L. W. Batchelder,	12 " "	30.00
Total,		$165.00

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid J. Gentlee, services for the year,	$10.00
" " journeys out of town,	2.00
N. P. Perkins, services for the year,	6.00
P. H. Kavanagh, " " " "	6.00
Total,	$24.00

TREASURER.

Paid Wm. F. Trowt, services for the year,	$50.00

COLLECTOR.

Paid F. P. Stanton, services for the year,	$50.00

CONSTABLE AND POLICE.

Paid C. H. McQueeny, services rendered during year,	$17.79
H. W. Porter, " " " "	12.50
C. S. Cook, " " " "	2.00
Henry Alley, balance services rendered during 1892,	2.50
" " services and expenses as Special Police,	5.00
Total,	$39.79

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE.

Paid Henry Alley, services during year,	$15.00

State and Military Aid.

Paid Mary P. Merrill, under Act of 1889, Chap. 301,	$48 00
Kimball H. Drew, " " " " " "	22.00
J. B. Woodman, " " " " " "	48.00
Warren Larrabee, " " " " " "	48.00
Harriet A. Larrabee, " " " " " "	48.00
Warren Burpee, " " " " " "	48.00
E. K. Standley, " " " " " "	36.00
Edwin Plaisted, " " " " " 279,	90.00
B. F. Young, " " " " " "	144.00
Total,	$532.00

Abatements.

Wm. B. Brown, one poll for 1892,	$2.00
Ddward O. Clanage, " " " "	2.00
Joseph Langille " " " "	2.00
Warren Larrabee, " " " "	2.00
Joseph A. Wessel, " " " " not liable,	2.00
Edward Grant, " " " "	2.00

Hrs. of Jeremiah Low, personal, not liable 1893,	$ 8.12
Hrs. of Mary W. Kimball, " " " "	1.16
Horace S. Carver, " " " "	2.90
Jno. Dodge, too much real estate "	.75
Hugh Hill, " " " " "	3.25
Total,	$28.18

Summary of Town Expenses.

	Amount Expended.	Amount Appropriated.
Schools for 1892,	$642.00	
" " 1893,	1,447.13	$1,400.00
" Incidentals, to 1892,	24.27	
" " for 1893,	448.32	200.00
Highway,	959.20	1,000.00
Snow,	691.00	
Poor,	1,260.48	1,300.00
Lockup and Tramps,	59.82	
Town House and Hall,	284.68	
Park and Common,	34.75	
Fire Dept.,	142.75	150.00
Library,	114.57	150.00
Incidentals,	273.53	1,500.00
Cemetery,	139.97	100.00
Town Officers,	710.31	
State and Military Aid,	532.00	
Abatements,	28.18	
250th Anniversary,	164.99	March, 100.00
		Apr. 29, 100.00
Total,	$7,957.96	$6,000.00

Tax Collector's Account.

FRED P. STANTON, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF WENHAM.

Balance due on tax list 1892,	$197.20
Tax list committed to him for 1893,	7,851.90
Total,	$8,049.10

CREDITS.

Payment to W. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	$7,662.09
Uncollected taxes,	387.01
Total,	$8,049.10

Treasurer's Account.

Wm. F. Trowt in Account with the Town of Wenham.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the treasury Feb. 14, 1893,	$1,453.84
From Wellington Pool, for rent of hall,	79.00
" " " " three town histories,	3.00
" State corporation tax,	285.21
" " national bank tax,	191.70
" " income of Mass. school fund,	306.84
" " Aid,	358.00
" " Military Aid,	36.06
" County treasurer, dog licenses refunded,	159.00
" Clerk of court, for fines,	1.85
" Lynn & Boston Railway Co.,	14.00
" Library committee,	20.71
" Elbridge Dodge, for old town pump,	1.00
" James H. Perkins, jr., druggist's license,	1.00
" Hay scales,	22.09
" F. P. Stanton, collector of taxes,	7,662.09
Total,	$10,595.33

PAYMENTS.

Interest on town debt,	$120.00
" " temporary loan,	75.00
" " cemetery fund,	32.83
" " Mary Perkins' legacy,	46.00
County tax,	609.33
State tax,	650.00
Treasurer of the Commonwealth one fourth of license fee,	.25
Beverly Printing Co., for printing catalogues,	100.00

Deposited in Salem Savings Bank amount raised for reduction of debt,	$ 500.00
Selectmen's orders,	7,957.96
Balance in the treasury,	503.96
Total,	$10,595.33

Assessor's Valuation of the Town.

Real estate,	$520,472.00
Personal estate,	110,828.00
Total,	$631,200.00
Number of polls, 265.	
Tax on polls at $2.00 each,	$530.00
" " real and personal estate, at $11.60 on $1,000,	7,321.90
Total,	$7,851.90

Financial Statement of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Three notes, due State of Mass., at 4%,	$3,000.00
Note due trustees of the Allen Cemetery fund,	475.00
Interest to the Allen Cemetery fund, balance to Jan. 29, 1894,	29.76
Note with interest to Feb. 1, 1893, due Mary Perkins' fund,	3,000.00
Balance of interest to Feb. 1, 1894, on Mary Perkins' fund,	172.79
Estimated amount of outstanding bills,	450.00
Total,	$7,127.55

RESOURCES.

Cash in treasury,	$503.96
Due from the State for state aid,	356.00
" " " " " military aid,	129.00

Due from the State under Chap. 395, Acts of 1889,	$ 10.75
" " F. P. Stanton, tax collector for 1893,	387.01
" " Town of Leominster,	2.25
Deposit in Salem Savings Bank, toward payment of note due June, 1895,	500.00
Total,	$1,888.97

Balance against town, Feb. 20, 1894,	$5,238.58
" " " Feb. 15, 1893,	5,069.84
Increase of debt,	$168.74

In accordance with a vote of the town the selectmen submit the following sums to defray the ordinary expenses :—

Schools,	$1,400.00
School incidentals,	200.00
Poor,	1,300.00
Incidentals,	1.500.00
Highways,	1,000.00
Library,	150.00
Fire department,	150.00
Interest,	350.00
For payment of debt,	500.00
Total,	$6,550.00

List of Jurors Proposed by the Selectmen, Feb. 21, 1894.

Robert F. Dodge,
Henry Alley, Jr.,
Samuel K. Evans,
Ivory Quinby,
James H. Perkins,
Henry A. Moulton,
Patrick H. Kavanagh,
Warren Jones,
Arthur D. Prince,
Nathaniel P. Perkins,
Elbridge K. Standley,
John H. Tiney,
Geo. E. Perkins,
Elbridge Porter.

JOHN GENTLEE,
NATHANIEL P. PERKINS,
DAVID PINGREE,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

The undersigned has examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and the bills on file with the orders corresponding thereto.

SIMEON DODGE, JR., *Auditor.*

Vital Statistics, 1893.

TOWN OF WENHAM.

Fifteen births, thirteen marriages, and twenty-eight deaths were recorded in Wenham in 1893.

BIRTHS.

Of the births, eight (including one pair of twins) were males, and seven were females.

Parentage.—Four of the fathers and four of the mothers were born in Wenham. All of the fathers and all but two of the mothers were of American birth.

MARRIAGES.

Twelve marriage certificates were issued, and thirteen marriages recorded; of those married all but four were of American birth. Three of the grooms and two of the brides were born in Wenham.

DEATHS.

Of the twenty-eight deaths recorded, seventeen occurred in town. Seventeen were residents and eleven non-residents. Ten were brought here for interment, and ten were removed for interment elsewhere.

1893.		Yrs.	mos.	dys.
Feb. 4,	Dollie B. Clark,	66	3	4
" 23,	James T. Brown,*	68	6	2
Mar. 7,	John I. Durgin,	64		12
" 13,	Sarah P. Dodge,	55	6	2
" 27,	Charles O. Kilham,*	44	2	21
April 2,	Christiana Low,*	72	5	20
" 5,	Mary E. Worsley,†	70	11	11

1893.		yrs.	mos.	dys.
May 3,	Benjamin F. Burgess,†	44		
" 12,	Jas. M. Shattuck (Co. H, 24th Reg't Inf. Mass. Vols.),†	59	4	23
(About) " 20,	John A. Hoyt (Corp. 4th Mass. Bat. Lt. Art.),†	63	6	25?
" 28,	Sarah F. Ham,†	85	10	
July 11,	Elbridge G. Peabody,†	82	9	2
" 26,	Edith M. Glynn,		10	4
" 30,	Patience Porter,	78	10	7
Aug. 5,	Mary J. Tibbetts,*	72	9	25
" 17,	Minnie E. Kimball,	4	3	12
" 22,	Betsy W. Hobbs,	71	10	18
Sept. 1,	Louie T. Wildes,*		4	22
" 8,	Anna Tibbetts,*	90	9	27
" 22,	Margaret O'Connor,*	55		
" 25,	Lucy A. Barrett,*	66	2	
Oct. 7,	Walter L. Peabody,†		3	21
" 13,	Harriet N. Patch,†	73	3	
" 20,	Ellen Connolly,‡	23		
" 29,	Freda Goodrich,			1
(About) Dec. 3,	James Mann,*	45	3	18?
" 10,	Susan C. Clark,†	68	3	22
" 15,	Mary A. Perkins,†	74	9	18

*Removed from town for interment.
†Brought to Wenham for interment.
‡Death and interment elsewhere.

DOGS.

Ninety-six dogs—eighty-seven males and nine females—were licensed; and from the money received therefor, the sum of one hundred and ninety-nine dollars and eighty cents ($199.80) was paid into the county treasury.

The sum returned to the town treasury was one hundred and fifty-nine dollars ($159.00).

Wellington Pool, *Town Clerk.*

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

ESSEX, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham in said County. GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Wenham on Monday, the fifth day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To act on the annual report of the Selectmen and School Committee and the Trustees of the Public Library and other town officers.
3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriations for the same and determine the manner of collecting.
5. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, said loan or loans to be paid from the taxes of the current year.
6. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.
7. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for expenses of Memorial Day, under the direction of the Sailors and Soldiers of Wenham.
8. To see if the town will raise a sufficient sum of money to pay the state and military aid for the ensuing year.
9. To see if the town will vote to purchase a road machine and raise money for the same.
10. To see what action the town will take in regard to truant scholars.
11. To see what action the town will take in regard to building the continuation of Porter street, as ordered by the County Commissioners, and raise money for the same.

12. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The ballot shall be "Yes" or "No."

13. To see what action the town will take in regard to the drain on the land of Henry Hobbs and raise money for the same by request of Henry Hobbs.

14. To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of Chap. 264 of the Acts and Resolves passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts, during the session of 1890, entitled "An Act relating to Public Cemeteries," by request of Wellington Pool.

15. To see if the town will vote to establish a branch of the Town Library at the east part of the town by petition of Daniel W. Preston and twenty-five others.

16. To see what action the town will take in regard to rewriting and bringing up to date the history of the town and appropriate money for the same by petition of committee on celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary.

17. To see what action the town will take in regard to printing a report of the exercises of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary and appropriate money for the same by petition of committee on celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary.

18. To see if the town will vote to widen and straighten and relocate Maple street at Hobbs Hill, so-called, near the house of Joseph G. Kent, and raise money for the same.

19. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town House, one at the Baptist Meeting House, one at A. D. & W. F. Trowt's store, one at the chapel at Mapleville, and at the eastern part at John K. Dodge's, in said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this nineteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

JOHN GENTLEE,
NATH'L P. PERKINS,
DAVID PINGREE,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

TOWN OF WENHAM.

SCHOOL REPORT

1894.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1894.

SALEM, MASS.:
PRINTED AT THE SALEM PRESS.
1894.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the citizens of Wenham:

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth, the School Committee hereby respectfully present their annual report relative to the condition of the public schools, for the year ending March, 1894.

The Committee received and paid out for the maintenance of the public schools, as follows:—

Town appropriation,	$1,400.00
State school fund,	306.84
Dog tax,	159.00
	$1,865.84
Paid for teaching,	$1,898.50
" " fuel,	125 63
" " care of rooms and building fires,	65.50
	$2,089.63
Paid for books, stationery and school-room supplies,	$203.83

Number of persons in town on the first day of May, 1893, between five and fifteen years of age, 136.

Number of public schools, 5.

Number of different pupils of all ages, in the public schools during the year, 142.

Number attending during the year over fifteen years of age, 5.

Average membership of all the schools, 111.9.

Average attendance in all the public schools during the year, 101.9.

The per cent. of attendance based upon the average membership, 91.06.

It would seem from the foregoing that, the sum paid for teaching, during the school year of 1893-4, was five hundred and eighty-five dollars more than was paid for the same purpose, for the school year of 1892–3. The reason of this seeming increase, in the pay of teachers, will at once be apparent by an examination of each school account for teaching, as given in the Annual Report of the Selectmen for the year 1893–4, from which it will be seen that the increase arose from some of the bills for teaching during the year 1892–3, not being presented for payment until the year 1893–4, hence did not appear in the report of the year in which they were due.

The attendance for the first seven months of the schools was even better than that of the previous year, which was 95.4 per cent., but, during the last two months, owing to sickness among the children, bad travelling and severe storms, the attendance was very much reduced—rendering the average for the year 91.06 per cent.

During the year the "Teacher's Anatomical Aid" was purchased for the use of the schools, to aid in the study of physiology, and by its use new interest was awakened and clearer, more definite and practical knowledge obtained in this very important branch of school work.

The committee would take this opportunity to acknowledge the gift—from one of the former pupils of the Neck school—of five maps, "Salem Sheet" of the U. S. Geological Survey, and also an index map of the fifty-four "Atlas Sheets of the Topographical Map of Massachusetts." They have not been placed in the school rooms for the reason that it was thought best to have them suitably framed in order to preserve them from being defaced. When this is done there will be one placed in each of the school rooms in town.

During the summer vacation a new floor was laid in the East school house and the seats were repaired, the inside painted, the walls papered and the ceiling white-washed; and at the beginning of the fall term an eight-day clock was purchased for the school, all of which gave to the room a more attractive and homelike appearance. The inside of the school house at the Neck was also painted, papered and white-washed, and furnished with new window shades. The teacher's platform in the primary room was furnished with new chairs. In the Centre Grammar room, the desks and seats of which were either worn out or *cut* out, so that they were as unbecoming in appearance as they were unsuitable for use; these were taken out and replaced with new desks and chairs of the most approved pattern. This change has greatly improved the appearance of the room as well as added largely to the convenience and comfort of the pupils.

The statute requiring the school committee to "make a detailed report of the condition of the several public schools" in their respective towns is undoubtedly a wise one. In preparing such a report, the writer must necessarily be personal in much that is said. One could not describe a beautiful building, giving a full description of all its apartments, without reflecting credit upon the architect. He could hardly describe one less beautiful in appearance, inferior in its arrangements and workmanship, without directing attention to the builder. A given number of individuals engaged in the same calling would not pursue their vocation, all with the same interest and all produce equally satisfactory results. School teachers, though engaged in the high calling of instructing children and youth, cannot all labor with the same zeal and fidelity and at the close of the year all present equally well disciplined and well instructed schools. All have not the same experience, natural tact and ability, for the work. Whatever is worthy of commendation, therefore, should be commended, that it may be imitated, and whatever has been amiss should be pointed out that it may be corrected. Such has been our endeavor in this report.

We are happy to say that the schools of the town are generally in good condition and, as a whole, have, during the past year, met with a good degree of prosperity and success.

The discipline of the schools has improved in methods and character. Good order has been secured without general harshness or severity. In only a few instances has a teacher deemed it necessary to resort to the extreme limits of authority. The few cases of temporary suspension from school have, for the most part, been settled with the hearty coöperation of parents.

The great secret in the success of our best teachers lies in the natural tact and wisdom with which they avoid countless difficulties in school management; some cannot be avoided. To govern wisely a class of boys or girls, many of whom are *home-rulers*, will test to the utmost the rarest powers of body and mind, will demand a multitude of motives and of means, the last of which is corporal punishment. Dr. Channing once said, "it required more wisdom to educate and govern a child than to govern a state."

No thoughtful visitor of our schools can fail to see the homes of many children in their demeanor and countenance. Whether rich or poor it makes little difference to these hieroglyphics of character. Some are insincere and rebellious; others frank and obedient. In the back ground of these, we seem to see the steady parental hand of mingled firmness and affection, and to hear the words of freedom, council and command; in the former, too plainly, we read carelessness, misrule and low-sphered thought. What our schools need is a high and honorable coöperation of parents with teacher—always the *presumption* that these are right, *never* a discussion of an instructor's character or ability before the child, and, in case of difficulties, immediate and courteous reference to the same with a willingness to admit that very possibly, *our* children may have some small taint of that old leaven, which troubled our own youth, and that needs the loving and judicious home management for its extirpation.

EAST SCHOOL.

This school was placed under the care of Miss LUELLA B. COGSWELL, of Essex. The fact that Miss Cogswell had taught this school during the last term of the previous year with good success, fully justified the committee in anticipating and expecting that the school, under her mild, yet firm management, would maintain its previous standing for good scholarship and thorough discipline, and they were not disappointed.

At the first of the year the advantages of continuing the services of a successful and acceptable teacher were apparent, not only in the mutual acquaintance of the teacher and her pupils, but also in the teacher's knowledge of the true requirements of the school, based on accurate ideas of its mental possibilities. Her previous connection with the school and her success in its management made it comparatively easy for her to enter upon her duties at the commencement of the year. In visiting the school it was gratifying to notice the gradual improvement of those under her care and instruction, and watch the unfolding and growth of mind. Under such circumstances, it is almost superfluous to say that the order and attention to study were invariably good. The reading and spelling, which constitute the principal part of the mental exercises of the younger portion in this school, received a large share of attention, followed by good results. While the reading in the more advanced classes was, taken as a whole, quite good, we sometimes felt that it would have been somewhat improved if more attention had been paid to inflection, distinct articulation and emphasis. Every class should be drilled in the elementary sounds, and no piece passed over until it can be read readily, clearly and understandingly. During the recitations in history free use was made of the blackboards in drawing the outlines of the portion of country under consideration, locating and pointing out the principal places mentioned in the part studied, which added greatly to the interest of this branch of school work,

as it aided in fixing the leading features of the study more clearly and permanently on the mind.

The classes in written arithmetic, whenever tested by the committee, showed good proficiency in their blackboard work, giving evidence that they had been faithfully and correctly taught. Mental arithmetic received its appropriate share of attention and good results were realized. From our notes of the school when visited, we find very satisfactory reports for recitations in spelling, geography and physiology. The quantity and quality of the work as a whole in the school during the year were highly creditable to the teacher and very satisfactory to those having the school in charge.

The public examination, which was held on Thursday afternoon, March 1, afforded ample evidence to the committee and to the parents and friends who were present, that the teacher had labored industriously and successfully, and that the pupils had, for the most part, appreciated and improved their school privileges, making commendable proficiency in all of their studies.

The exercises gave general satisfaction, as expressed in the interest manifested by the company present. The classes in reading showed some improvement in distinctiveness of articulation and inflection. The classes in arithmetic, geography and history responded promptly to the questions of teacher and committee, and showed by the correctness of their answers that they were very familiar with those portions of the text-book which they had studied. The pupils in the text and rules of grammar and their application to parsing and analysis were especially worthy of mention. The writing books were, for the most part, very neat and showed good improvement. The same may be said of the drawing. Singing, recitations and reading of compositions gave a pleasing variety to the exercises.

Not absent during the Summer term—L. Josephine Williams, Clara Williams and Lizzie Williams. Fall term—Lizzie Williams and Howard Preston. Winter term—

Howard Preston. During the year—Lizzie Preston, Nellie Preston and Addie Williams.

WEST SCHOOL.

Those to whom the supervision of this school was intrusted felt that they were fortunate in retaining the services of Miss Lizzie M. Brown. Her previous success in teaching in the past very naturally inspired high expectations of the school, and the results realized fully met those expectations. The mental drill, to which all were subjected at the recitations, was a stimulus well calculated to awaken independent thought. Regard to a correct position and earnest attention to the recitations were noticeable features, finely illustrating the idea that, "what is worth doing at all is worth doing well." The school room was usually neat and clean, and made attractive by the presence of several house plants. The order was invariably good. While no one study was made unduly prominent, special attention was bestowed upon the reading classes to secure distinct enunciation and correct emphasis. The condition of the school during the summer term, as exhibited in the recitations of the several classes, whenever visited by the committee, was such as to meet the unqualified approbation of those having it in charge. During the summer vacation, Miss Brown, very much to the regret of the committee, resigned.

The vacancy was filled by Miss Gracie E. Pitcher, of Salem, Mass., who took charge of the school at the commencement of the fall term. Miss Pitcher is a woman of some experience as a teacher, a good scholar, faithful and scrupulously conscientious in the discharge of her school duties.

The first appearance of the school, after her connection with it, gave favorable indications of success; a few things connected with the general management were observed that needed correction, to which the attention of the teacher was

directed. The suggestions were kindly received and the errors corrected. At a subsequent visit, it was quite apparent that the teacher, in her desire to interest and advance her pupils in their several studies, was more intent upon the instruction of those committed to her care than in the discipline and general care of her school. This is not unusual, when conscientiousness, sympathy and kindness are prominent characteristics.

But experience has shown that, in order to deal effectually with human nature in its present depraved condition, as we see it often manifested in the every day affairs of life, and as some of the children, at least, who attend our schools form no exception to this natural tendency to wrong doing, something more than mere kindness and sympathy are requisite in the school training, if we would secure the best results. The committee called the attention of the teacher to this point, and endeavored to impress upon her the urgent necessity of a stronger and more positive government in her school, if she hoped for success. Later visits during the fall term furnished evidences of improvement in the management and government and also improved habits of study, on the part of the pupils. Miss Pitcher's method of instruction was plain, thorough and systematic; her explanations clear and full and adapted to the comprehension of those receiving instruction. The recitations were generally well prepared, and the drill given and tests applied, for the most part, satisfactory.

The condition of the school, when visited at the close of the fall term, was such that the committee felt that better results would be obtained by continuing the school under the same teacher than by the employment of a stranger, and Miss Pitcher was retained for the winter term. She gave to the work her undivided time and attention and labored faithfully and zealously to meet the demands of her position.

But failing to secure and hold the respect and affection of her pupils, the discipline was far from being satisfactory, and the school, as a whole during the winter term, was not a

success, but a failure. It is believed that *some* of the *parents*, from the lack of a full and hearty coöperation with the teacher, are very largely responsible for this failure. And just here we would suggest, that a higher standard of parental coöperation and judicious self-restraint, when teacher or school is discussed, would help to authority instead of anarchy, and bring children to obedience rather than rebellion. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

Several of the scholars left the school just before the public examination, which was held on Friday afternoon, March 2. It is to be hoped that this practice will not be continued, for it is as discreditable to the absentees and *their parents*, as it is injurious to the school. The examination was, under the circumstances, what might have been fairly expected, far from satisfactory.

Not absent during the Summer term—Sidney Cook and Jennie Phelps. Fall term—Arthur Cook, Willie M. Cook and Jennie Phelps. Winter term—Willie M. Cook.

NECK SCHOOL.

At the commencement of the year this school was assigned to Miss Fannie B. Williams, of Haverhill, Mass., a lady of practical experience as a teacher, a good scholar and disciplinarian. Quiet in her movements and unassuming in her manner, yet firm and unyielding in her requisitions, her discipline was decidedly good.

Under her wise management the school improved, not only in its outward appearance, but in its mental condition, attaining improved habits of studiousness. This was accomplished by patience, firmness, tact and perseverance. There was a symmetry, so to speak, in her work.

Her efforts were directed to the several branches of study judiciously and with uniformity, the school gradually improving from its commencement to its close. The relations existing between teacher and her scholars were of a gratifying

character—well calculated to inspire mutual confidence and respect—an atmosphere in which we might reasonably expect cheerful and studious effort and consequent progress. Her method of instruction was practical, systematic and thorough. She was clear in her explanations and variable in her illustrations.

Finding the school in good condition, it was evidently her fixed and determined purpose that it should not stand still, but advance to a higher plain of intellectual growth and development. The school room was always clean and well ventilated. Special attention was bestowed upon the reading classes to secure naturalness in tone, distinct enunciation and correct emphasis. Much care was given to the study of mental arithmetic, and the work done, both as to quantity and quality, by each of the classes in this important branch of study was, to a high degree, satisfactory. The instruction in written arithmetic was practical, critical and thorough. The study of grammar, which is generally too much neglected in ungraded schools, received the attention that its importance demands, attended with improvement. In referring to our notes, we find excellent reports for recitations in geography, algebra, physiology and civil government. One hour, on Friday afternoon of each week, has been given to drawing, and the success that has followed is deserving of commendation. Writing has been a daily exercise during the winter term, but not as often during the summer and fall terms.

The public examination of the school, which was held on Wednesday afternoon, March 7, was an appropriate closing of the work of the year. The exercises were listened to by many of the parents and friends of the children and teacher, and all, judged by the interest manifested and attention given, were highly gratified with the year's work. While the reading generally was good, there was one fault, in the younger classes, which, in some degree at least, exists in some of our other schools, viz., that of reading too rapidly and without sufficient attention to the punctuation.

The examination of the class in algebra revealed the fact that the pupils had been carefully and correctly taught as shown by the neatness, accuracy and facility with which they performed their blackboard exercises, and also the promptness with which they gave definitions and principles. The same may be said of the classes in arithmetic, the rules and principles of which had been thoroughly learned and practically applied. In geography, civil government and grammar the recitations gave excellent satisfaction. While the spelling of the classes was good, that of one of the younger classes was especially worthy of mention for its superior excellence, in promptness and accuracy. From lack of time the recitations in physiology were omitted. The writing books were specimens of neatness and improvement. The drawing, considering the age of the pupils, was well done and showed steady improvement, from the beginning to the close of the year. The singing and "gems of thought" given by the pupils added interest to the occasion. Time and labor here were well employed and the school a success.

Not absent during the Summer term—Fred Prince and Lucy F. Cole. Winter term—Lawrence G. Dodge.

CENTRE PRIMARY.

It is worthy of inquiry, whether sufficient importance is attached to the primary department in our schools. Special attention should be given to selecting teachers who are *naturally* fond of children, and who will make good impressions upon the young and plastic minds under their charge; and no one, with perhaps the exception of the parent, has so much influence in keeping straight the twig so easily bent one way or the other, of giving the right direction to the minds of the children, as the school teacher. It is in the primary department that good or bad habits in reading and deportment are formed; and it is a mistaken idea that "anybody will answer to teach a primary school." On the con-

trary, the very best teachers are none too good for this important work. It was said in the report of last year that "skill resulted from continued effort in any department of labor;" the committee fully believing this and knowing the very pleasant relations that ex sted between Miss DURGIN and her pupils, reëngaged her for another year of school service.

During the entire period which Miss Durgin has had the care of this school, it has received favorable notice, yet at no time has it deserved more special commendation than during the year just closed. Although the past year completes the third of her connection with the school, there has been a steady progress in most of the school requirements,—no flagging of nterest, zeal or energy of the teacher. The attendance was invariably good,—alike creditable to the teacher for the interest inspired, to the pupils for a generous response, and to the parents for their constant coöperation.

The order of the school was usually good, marred only by the occasional restlessness of some of the younger pupils. In the instruction of those, who had entered the school for the purpose of taking their first steps in school life, Miss Durgin continued the practice of previous years, which had been productive of excellent results, viz., that of a very free use of the blackboards, in the use of which, the little folks manifested a very lively interest, and would vie with each other to be first in naming the letter, word, or reading the sentence written by the teacher. The same method was employed in giving instruction in the first principles of the use of numbers. There has been fair improvement through the entire year, in the reading and spelling of the pupils in this school.

Much attention has been given to the study of the multiplication table, mental and the first principles of written arithmetic, and the pupils, when questioned by the committee, showed a better understanding of the principles studied than at any former time since Miss Durgin's connection with the school. The same remark holds good in regard to the classes

in geography. The work accomplished in each of the required studies was generally thorough, and to a good degree practical and hence very satisfactory. Where all the children are so young, of course no very mature attainments are to be expected; but in all the exercises and studies appropriate to their years they made very gratifying progress.

The closing examination, which took place on Thursday afternoon, March 8, was a fitting closing up of the year's school work, and evinced the fidelity and success with which the teacher had labored. The reading was good, the spelling in most of the classes, excellent. The recitations in arithmetic and geography were very satisfactory. To the committee, having the examination in charge, the exercises were thoroughly satisfactory. A large and appreciative audience, judged by the interest manifested and attention given, evidently enjoyed the exercises of the afternoon, to which the singing and calisthenics gave additional pleasure. At the close, the pupils presented their teacher with a gold ring, as a token of their regard. The school was very highly commended, by those who addressed it, for the work done through the year, as shown by the exercises of the examination.

Not absent during the Summer term—Josie Plaisted, Ethiel Batchelder, Arthur Trowt, Roy Stanley, Harry Brewer and Howard Knowlton. Fall term—Carrie Plaisted, Alice Patch, Florence Perkins, Roy Knowlton, Roland Dudley and Roy Stanley. Winter term—Roy Knowlton and Carrie Plaisted. During the year—Freddie Kilham.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This school, during the year, was under the care of Mrs. Grace R. Gould, whose experience and previous connection with it resulted in excellent improvement and steady progress. It would be a source of real pleasure, could we do what we consider to be justice in our report, to this teacher and her pupils.

In the school there have been thirty-five scholars, the most of whom, through all difficulties and much hard work, have appreciated the efforts of the teacher in their behalf and sought to carry out to their best ability, her high ideals of accuracy, thoroughness and general excellence. And for this, neither they nor the parents who have so well encouraged and held them up to the toil and discipline of school requirements, will *ever* have occasion to regret. We are all thankful as we look back to those who knew better than we, for the kind severities, which spurred, and persuaded and impelled, at least, our backward spirit or our half rebellious feet over the ground of school life. This school is now in its attainments and general character, a noble achievement of patience, skill and energy. Not that we have perfectness; "to err is human," and strong natures are sometimes impatient with weak ones or forget to measure the whole distance that lies between. And though there are good suggestions and timely council for parents to offer, which if frankly and kindly given, a noble mind will meet as frankly, yet let us always beware that unworthy feelings of any kind do not attempt to drag down to their own dead level.

The order of the school, whenever visited, was invariably good. Mrs. Gould gave more than the usual attention to the study of grammar, and excellent progress was made by the pupils in this important branch of school study. In arithmetic, both mental and written, mere memorizing was not allowed, but in its stead, thought was necessitated, the reasoning powers developed, mind matured and investigation stimulated, while the principles were given in a clear and definite manner. The classes in the study of history and geography made constant improvement through the entire year, and whenever examined by the committee gave good satisfaction, both as to the quantity and quality of the work accomplished. Excellent work was done by the pupils in physiology, in which study the "Teacher's Anatomical Aid," which was put into the school during the fall term, materially aided in enhancing the interest in this study.

A good report could be given of work accomplished in reading, spelling, civil government and writing. Thoroughness and critical accuracy in everything were here the rule, and this a natural result of the teacher's own mental habits.

More than the usual interest was manifested in the exercises of the public examination of this school, which took place on Friday afternoon, March 9, judged by the large attendance of the parents of the pupils and friends of the school, all of whom manifested an unusual interest to the close. The scholars in arithmetic and algebra were clear and prompt in the statement of principles and generally correct in their demonstration upon the blackboards. The classes in history, geography, civil government and grammar reflected much credit upon their teacher from their familiarity with what they had accomplished in these branches of study. The examination of the class in language and also those in physiology were highly satisfactory. Comparing the reading with that of the school one year ago, the improvement was marked. For the lack of time the two classes in mental arithmetic and two in spelling were omitted. The physical exercises were excellent; these with the recitation of select pieces and singing gave a pleasing variation and added to the interest of the occasion. Appreciating the labors of the teacher in their behalf, the pupils, at the close of the examination, made her a present of a silver butter knife.

Several addressed the school, and all spoke in high terms of commendation; one speaker remarked, "the school needs no commendation, for it has spoken for itself in the exercises of the afternoon." The year's work was pronounced a grand success.

Not absent during the Summer term—Ethel M. Hall. Fall term—Mary C. Wilkins, Frances S. Merrill, Josie Plaisted, Edith B. Dudley, Charles E. McQueeny, Ernest R. Eaton and W. Arthur Trowt. Not absent during the year—Annie D. Trowt.

FRANCIS M. DODGE,
ELBRIDGE PORTER,
JOSIAH B. BROWN,
} *School Committee of Wenham.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM,

FOR THE

Year Ending February 17, 1899.

Report of the School Committee

For the Year Ending December 31, 1898,

AND THE

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REPORT.

Town Officers for the Year 1898-'99.

Moderator—Abbott Johnson.

Town Clerk—Wellington Pool.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and Fence Viewers—N. P. Perkins, J. H. Perkins, R. F. Dodge.

Town Treasurer—William F. Trowt.

Collector of Taxes—Jeremiah Kavanagh.

Auditor—Otis D. Brewer.

School Committee—Francis M. Dodge, 1899; William B. Morgan, 1900; Elbridge Porter 1901.

Constables—Charles H. McQueeney, H. A. Moulton, 2d, Henry Alley.

Special Police—Charles A. McQueeney, chief; Henry A. Moulton, 2d; Henry Alley.

Commissioners of Cemetery—F. H. Tarr, 1899; Warren Jones, 1900; S. K. Evans, 1901.

Trustees of Public Library—Charles H. Stanton, 1899; Benj. H. Conant, 1899; F. H. Tarr, 1900; H. A. Moulton, 1900; Elbridge Porter, 1901; A. N. Ward, 1901.

Board of Health—C. W. Perkins, 1899; C. S. Cook, 1900; F. P. Stanton, (appointed by joint convention of Board of Selectmen and remaining members of Board of Health to fill the vacancy.)

Surveyors of Highways — Ward 1, Addison Williams; Ward 2, Frank T. Johnson; Ward 3, Charles Wilkins; Ward 4,

Wm. P. Dodge; Ward 5, F. H. Tarr; Ward 6, D. A. Homan; Ward 7, Stephen Cook; Ward 8, E. L. Kimball; Ward 9, John R. Sargent.

Surveyors of Lumber, and Measurers of Wood and Bark—J. K. Dodge, R. F. Dodge, A. D. Prince, Isaac Porter, J. H. Perkins.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—J. H. Perkins.

Town Weighers—Wm. F. Trowt, J. K. Dodge, Wm. P. Dodge.

Pound Keeper—H. H. Demsey.

Firewards and Forest Firewards—E. F. Stanley, F. E. Perkins, H. E. Durgin, L. F. Hodgdon, L. S. Lord.

Inspector of Cattle and Provisions—Henry Alley.

Keeper of Lockup and Tramps—J. C. Richards.

School Department.

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid Florence E. Dodge, teaching bal. Winter term 1898,	$24.00
" " " Spring team,	96.00
" " " Fall term,	88.00
" " " Winter term in part,	56.00
John K. Dodge, wood,	18.00
Clara E. Williams, care of room and fires,	10.00
Total,	$ 292.00

NECK SCHOOL.

Paid Altie M. Hill, teaching balance Winter term 1898,	$36.00
" " " Spring term,	112.00
" " " Fall term,	104.50
" " " Winter term in part,	76.00
Charles Wilkins, wood,	18.00
Sarah C. Prince, care of room and fires,	12.00
Total,	$358.50

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Paid Louie M. Merriam,	teaching bal. Winter term, 1898,	$27.00
Ruth E. Gould,	" Spring term,	120.00
" " "	" Fall term,	110.00
" " "	" Winter term in part,	70.00
James Fairfield, coal,		13.75
Wellington Pool, care of room and fires,		18.50
Total,		$359.25

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid Lilian A. Ridley,	teaching bal. Winter term 1898,	$38.00
Bulah M. Sanford,	" Spring term,	120.00
" "	" Fall term,	110.00
" "	" Winter term in part, 1898-99,	70.00
James Fairfield, coal,		40.00
Margaret M. Dudley, care of room,		6.50
Wellington Pool, care of fires,		15.00
Total,		$399.50

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid R. A. Manning,	teaching balance Winter term 1898,	$36.00
" "	" Spring term,	112.00
" "	" Fall term,	110.00
" "	" Winter term in part, 1898-99,	80.00
Wm. B. Morgan, wood,		14.50
J. W. Cass, care of room and fires,		10.00
John Girdler, coal,		18.00
Total,		$380.50

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Paid	A. F. Killam, tuning and repairing organ, West school,	$ 7.00
	S. S. Cook, conveying Mr. Killam to and from depot,	1.00
	Elbridge Porter, labor on out-buildings, cleaning room, and journey out of town,	7.80
	S. C. Prince, giving singing lessons to school children from April 7, 1897 to Feb. 22, 1898,	103.50
	W. C. Packard, chairs for Centre schools,	9.00
	H. M. Bixby & Co., window shades for Centre schools,	8.00
	W. P. Porter, repairing clock, Primary school,	.75
	J. K. Dodge, labor and stock repairing fence, East school,	5.75
	F. H. Brooks, painting out-building, East school,	6.59
	Charles F. Elliott, repairs in school rooms and out-building, labor and stock, 1897-98, Centre schools,	29.85
	J. L. Hammett Co., school supplies,	35.54
	Educational Publishing Co., books and supplies,	5.00
	Boston School Supply Co., " "	18.63
	Ginn & Co., books,	10.40
	Wm. B. Morgan, labor and cash paid for labor, stock and supplies, West school,	11.25
	C. F. Elliott, repairs on East District school buildings,	28.41
	B. F. Hill, one gallon varnish,	1.65
	E. Porter, labor in Grammar school room,	5.00
	F. M. Dodge, cash paid for supplies,	21.50
	E. B. Cole, book case for Neck school,	8.00
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, paint, glass, brooms, etc.,	5.87
	F. P. Stanton, broom, West school,	.30
		$ 330.79

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Paid City of	Beverly,	Lawrence Dodge,	1	year,	$ 30.00
"	Salem,	George L. Anderson,	¼	"	12.50
"	"	Arthur H. Ward,	½	"	25.00
"	"	Ethel M. Hall,	½	"	25.00
"	"	Frances S. Merrill,	½	"	25.00
"	"	Alice B. Dodge,	1½	"	75.00
"	"	Jennie M. Lovett,	1	"	50.00
"	"	Alice W. Patch,	1	"	50.00
"	"	Laura M. Sargent,	1	"	50.00
"	"	Charles A. McQueeny,	1	"	50.00
"	"	Wm. A. Trowt,	1	"	50.00
					$ 442.50

Highway Department.

WARD ONE.

Paid	Addison Williams,	$ 21.35
	John K. Dodge,	15.75
	Benj. F. Burchsted,	5.00
	Wm. H. Beck,	5.00
	Winslow Day,	5.00
	Daniel W. Preston,	9.75
		$ 61.85

WARD TWO.

Paid	Ephraim Power,	$ 9.60
	Asa T. Putnam,	26.62
	F. S. Lovett,	17.76
	A. E. Jones,	9.40
	I. W. Burke,	7.99
	R. F. Dodge,	32.73
	" gravel,	14.80

Paid E. Ahern,		$ 1.80
F. T. Johnson,		21.52
Estate of Thos. Thompson, gravel,		.40
		$ 142.62

WARD THREE.

Paid Charles Wilkins,		$ 73.38
Francis M. Dodge,		33.44
Zachariah Cole,		37.04
Samuel R. Prince,		20.52
		$ 164.38

WARD FIVE.

Paid John Caves,	1897	$ 7.20
George W. Jones,	1897	3.60
Frank H. Tarr,	1898	74.84
J. L. Batchelder,		3.00
John Williams,		5.40
T. W. Batchelder,		6.22
Elbridge Porter,		12.32
Warren Jones,		14.40
Samuel M. Hill,		30.24
Jonas M. Rollins,		16.12
M. A. Trowt,		.40
S. K. Evans,		1.30
J. F. Batchelder,		10.82
Edmund L. Batchelder,		3.60
Joseph Addison,		2.80
Wm. T. Tucker,		5.80
John Caves,		4.20
Fred F. Porter,		1.80
Elbridge Porter, gravel,		25.40
H. E. Durgin, labor and stock,		1.15
E. K. Batchelder,		3.60
John Williams,		7.20
Daniel A. Homan,	1897	1.80
		$ 243.21

WARD SIX.

Paid John Caves,	1897	$ 1.80
John Caves,	1898	8.00
Warren Jones,		13.40
Daniel A. Homan,		12.80
George W. Jones,		16.58
E. K. Batchelder,		22.62
Geo. E. Homan,		8.00
Thomas M. Barnes,		3.42
J. L. Batchelder,		1.80
F. H. Tarr,		1.12
Thomas M. Barnes,	for gravel,	10.60
Daniel E. Homan,	labor on guard railing,	5.00
		$ 105.14

WARD SEVEN.

Pald S. S. Cook,		$ 13.70
E. K. Standley,		15.60
C. S. Cook,		10.45
J. W. L. Moulton,		14.00
Stephen Cook,		28.60
H. G. Sears,		12.20
Clarence O. Moulton,		14.00
A. D. Flewelling,		23.60
George W. Peabody, Jr.		7.90
" "	gravel,	12.45
George W. Preston,		16.80
Alvah M. Hill,		15.95
Samuel L. Hill,	road machine,	7.92
Chas. M. Bixby,		5.00
Joseph F. Kent,		3.90
		$ 202.07

WARD EIGHT.

Paid Edward L. Kimball,		$ 22.47
J. Sumner Brown,		22.96

Paid	Chas. H. Stanton,	$ 8.20
	Chas. E. Kimball,	8.20
	J. B. McCullough,	7.80
	Chas. H. Herrick,	7.00
	Mrs. J. T. Brown, gravel,	7.50
	Samuel M. Hill, road machine,	6.33
	Thomas M. Barnes, gravel,	4.00
		$ 94.46

WARD NINE.

Paid	John R. Sargent,	$ 18.32
	Wm. L. Sargent,	5.60
	Elim Tinkham,	7.80
	Charles Tinkham,	4.00
	Michael Sullivan,	3.80
	Samuel M. Hill,	.80
	Chas. W. Perkins, gravel,	5.40
	C. Alexander,	.40
	Elmer E. Clark,	.60
	Thomas Sargent,	.60
	Daniel E. Homan,	.20
	John Andrews,	.40
	Otis A. Clark,	.60
		$ 48.52

EXTRA HIGHWAY.

Paid	S. M. Hill, labor, grading Linden street,	$ 5.06

Snow Department.

WARD ONE.

Paid	Addison Williams,	$ 4.30
	Daniel W. Preston,	3.20
	Chas. E. Wyatt,	1.10
	Wm. H. Beck,	1.30

Paid	Benj. F. Burchsted,	$ 1.30
	Samuel H. Hunkins,	.70
	Benj. F. Burchsted, Jr.	.50
	Timothy Higgins,	1.00
	Henry D. Stillman,	5.10
		$ 18.50

WARD TWO.

Paid	Charles T. Brown,	$ 3.10
	Frank T. Johnson,	12.10
	F. S. Lovett,	9.20
	A. E. Jones,	11.30
	Ephraim Powers,	10.30
	John T. Gentlee,	10.50
	G. M. Power,	9.80
	A. L. Norcross,	2.80
	A. T. Putnam,	11.40
		$80.50

WARD THREE.

Paid	Horace A. Killam,	$ 4.40
	Charles Wilkins,	14.00
	Samuel R. Prince,	12.70
	Zachariah Cole,	5.20
	Alonzo Young,	3.60
	Amos Bixby,	2.80
	Stephen Digins,	2.60
	Larry Digins,	1.60
	Francis M. Dodge,	5.80
	T. C. Holander,	5.20
		$ 57.90

WARD FOUR.

Paid	Wm. T. Tucker,	$ 1.70
	George F. Dodge,	7.00
	Samuel K. Evans,	1.70
	Seth Tinkham,	.80

Paid	James Welch,	$ 1.70
	Wm. P. Dodge,	13.55
	Irving L. Burnham,	4.40
	E. Nelson Porter,	2.10
	Samuel M. Hill,	3.80
	John Williams,	3.80
	Arthur M. Harrigan,	6.80
		$ 47.35

WARD FIVE.

Paid	L. Laselle,	$ .40
	J. Addison,	2.50
	G. W. Jones,	1.90
	George E. Homan,	.80
	Elbridge Porter,	12.40
	F. H. Tarr,	22.40
	F. F. Porter,	3.20
	W. T. Tucker,	14.25
	M. A. Trowt,	.80
	M. Buckley,	.20
	A. M. Harrigan,	1.20
	J. Williams,	3.50
	S. K. Evans,	6.20
	J. Rollins,	7.20
	S. M. Hill,	10.00
	W. P. Porter,	.80
	J. L. Batchelder,	2.60
	T. W. Batchelder,	4.10
	E. Nelson Porter,	1.20
	Harry Pulsifer,	.60
	J. Frank Batchelder,	1.80
	D. A. Homan,	.80
		$ 98.85

WARD SIX.

Paid	D. A. Homan,	$11.25
	J. Addison,	2.90
	Warren Jones,	10.05
	George W. Jones,	.80
	E. K. Batchelder,	3.50
	F. A. Standley,	.60
	T. Wakefield,	3.90
	George E. Homan,	.75
	John Caves,	5.10
	H. A. Cook,	4.10
	F. Greeney,	3.20
	Levi S. Lord,	2.90
	T. Scott,	5.55
	Wm. S. Guild,	1.60
	Eben Standley,	3.90
	H. Rnssell,	2.90
	W. P. Porter,	.80
	M. Buckley,	.80
	W. Batchelder,	.80
	G. H. Killam,	2.20
	S. M. Hill,	2.40
	F. H. Tarr,	2.40
	Elbridge Porter,	2.40
	J. Rollins,	1.20
	Harrison R. Merrill,	1.40
		$ 77.40

WARD SEVEN.

Paid	Stephen Cook,	$ 10.30
	George W. Peabody, Jr.	9.30
	L. F. Hodgdon,	4.10
	Jas. W. Cass,	4.60
	H. G. Sears,	9.50
	George W. Preston,	19.60
	George A. Perkins,	5.40
	Chester S. Cook,	13.20

Paid	Otis Alley,	$ 1.80
	James McKean,	4.60
	Sidney S. Cook,	4.80
	George Hodgdon,	1.50
	E. K. Standley,	4.40
	W. H. Andrews,	8.20
	A. D. Flewelling,	4.60
	N. P. Perkins,	8.80
	Chas. W. Bixby,	7.40
	C. O. Moulton,	2.90
	Alvah M. Hill,	3.60
	Joseph F. Kent,	4.60
		$ 133.20

WARD EIGHT.

Paid	Chas. H. Stanton,	$ 1.80
	Edward L. Kimball,	15.13
	Chas. F. Herrick,	3.80
	J. B. McCullough,	14.20
	J. Sumner Brown,	8.40
		$ 43.33

WARD NINE.

Paid	C. S. Alexander,	$ 2.60
	Fred. Alexander,	2.40
	Elim Tinkham,	2.80
	Otis Clark,	2.40
	George Lander,	1.00
	Chas. W. Perkins,	2.00
	H. N. Whiting,	1.20
	Elmer E. Clark,	2.00
	Thomas Sargent,	1.40
	John R. Sargent,	5.80
		$ 23.60

REPAIRING SIDEWALKS.

Paid	Frank H. Tarr,	$ 30.24
	Warren Jones,	9.20
	George W. Jones,	10.80
	Daniel A. Homan,	10.80
	George E. Homan,	2.80
	Joseph Addison,	3.60
	Wm. T. Tucker,	7.30
	John Williams,	9.00
	Fred F. Porter,	10.00
	Elbridge Porter,	7.84
	E. K. Batchelder,	1.80
	J. L. Batchelder,	5.13
	T. W. Batchelder,	3.51
	Samuel M. Hill,	5.04
	Elbridge Porter, gravel,	5.00
		$ 122.06

Poor Department.

FAMILY OF RICHARD BURNHAM.

Paid	Lore & Russell, coal,	$ 11.75
	Town of Danvers, supplies,	64.00
	Dr. H. F. Batchelder, medical attendance 1897-98,	27.00
		$ 102.75
	Mass. School for Feeble Minded, board of Charles Burnham,	33.89
	Danvers Lunatic Hospital, board of Mrs. Sarah Mildram from Aug. 3, 1897 to Dec. 31, 1898,	237.26
	City of Beverly, board of Mrs. Harriet Casson,	27.16
	City of Salem, medical attendance on family of Lewis Wessel,	3.00

Paid Town of Hingham, rent and supplies for Mrs. Harry Williams, Jan. 1, 1898 to Jan. 1, 1899.	157.50
Total Poor.	$ 561.56

Soldiers' Relief.

Paid Town of Melrose, rent, supplies and medical attendance, family of G. W. Babcock,	269.26
Thos. H. Clark, cash for his support,	72.00
Mrs. E. Plaisted, cash for her support,	48.00
Total Soldiers' Relief,	$ 389.26

Town House.

Paid B. P. Gray, 2 cords wood,	$ 8.00
E. Porter, teaming wood from cemetery,	2.70
A. J. Walker, tuning piano,	2.20
James Fairfield, coal,	22.80
Wadleigh & Morse, repairs on furnace, etc.,	14.65
John C. Richards, setting glass and painting steps,	2.50
Fellows & Co., steps for use in hall,	3.80
Chas. F. Elliott, repairing platform in hall,	2.25
Chas. F. Elliott, stock and labor building steps,	34.86
Wellington Pool, care of hall and rooms,	17.38
H. E. Durgin, labor on the steps, etc.,	2.75
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, oil, glass, etc.,	3.55
" " labor on furnace and stove,	1.75
Wellington Pool, care of Library room,	5.00
F. P. Stanton, lamp chimneys,	.45
	$ 124.64

Town Library.

Paid B. H. Conant, expenses of Trustees to Boston,	$ 6.25
" " cash paid for books,	7.84
" " incidental expenses,	3.23
A. N. Ward, books,	5.40
DeWolf, Fiske & Co., books,	108.68
Beverly Citizen, printing 350 supplements,	48.00
B. H. Conant, cash paid for lumber and postage,	1.51
	$ 180.91

Incidentals.

Paid Simeon Dodge, Jr., attending court in Tilton case and incidental services,	$ 9.30
George W. Wilson, witness in Tilton case,	8.00
F. H. Tarr, " "	8.00
C. O. Widden, " "	1.50
Wm. B. Morgan, " Waters case, 1897,	4.00
Henry Hobbs, witness in Waters case before Auditor,	2.00
Dan'l E. Homan, " " " "	2.00
B. H. Needham, " " " "	1.10
Chas. A. Putnam, services in Waters and Tilton cases, under direction of F. L. Evans,	41.00
M. A. Newhall & Co., printing town reports,	54.40
B. H. Conant, care of Town clock one year,	20.00
Wenham Veteran Association (town appropriation),	50.00
Wm. T. Tucker, taking down snow fence,	.80
A. Williams, conveying library books to East Wenham Branch Library,	10.00
Clerk of First District Court, requisition,	3.00
George H. Gibney, raising grade of sidewalk near state highway,	10.50
Thomas Groom & Co., town record book for clerk,	6.00

Paid Chas. F. Elliott, repairs on hay scales,	$8.70
Joseph M. Parsons, drain pipe,	5.10
Putnam & Pope, lumber for railing, etc.,	10.00
Pope Brothers, " " and posts,	15.36
Village Improvement Society, ½ cost of spraying trees, Main street,	12.50
C. A. Lawrence & Co., drain pipe,	2.24
Henry L. Eaton, surveying under direction of the Selectmen and Assessors,	7.00
J. H. Perkins, cash paid for cement pipe and for filing saw,	1.60
Wellington Pool, extra services at public exercises of schools,	1.50
" " cash paid for repairing flags,	.75
" " " " W. Leonard for setting glass,	.45
" " " " for dog license blanks,	1.10
" " " " feather duster,	.75
" " " " repairing lawn mower,	1.25
" " " " Geo. W. Jones for shoveling coal,	.30
" " labor on stove and funnel,	1.60
" " pathing snow around town buildings,	1.25
" " journey to Salem to pay Dog License money,	1.00
" " care of soldiers' cemetery lot,	2.50
" " returning deaths as undertaker 1897,	5.75
" " postage and stationery, 1897,	2.73
" " taking acknowledgment of four cemetery deeds,	1.00
" " administering oath to town officers,	3.30
" " cash paid American express,	1.60

Paid Wm. E. Hadlock, repairing election ballot box,	$ 2.00
C. F. Elliott, building staging round Soldiers' monument and removing same,	5.50
M. A. Newhall & Co., printing valuation books,	43.75
E. Lawrence, replacing cover stone on Grapevine bridge,	10.00
H. E. Durgin, postage in regard to fire extinguishers 1897-98,	.60
Dr. S. E. Thayer, returning births to clerk,	4.00
Wellington Pool, cash paid for expressing, etc.,	.65
" " returning deaths as undertaker 1898,	5.50
" " stationery and postage 1898,	3.27
Mrs. E. Plummer, housing road machine,	5.00
Daniel A. Homan, building snow fence,	1.60
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, spikes and nails for snow and railing,	.86
" " " oil, etc., for street lamp,	5.74
" " " postage and stationery for town officers,	3.10
Harry O. Brewer, care of street lamp one year,	10.00
J. Kavanaugh, cash paid for tax bills,	2.75
N. P. Perkins, cash paid for record book for Selectmen,	.75
" " " freight on snow plow,	1.00
J. H. Perkins, assistance to H. L. Eaton, surveying,	3.50
" labor on Linden street, cash paid for paint and filing saws,	2.00
	$ 432.50

Extra Incidentals.

Paid Knight & Thomas, chemical fire extinguishers,	$ 81.00
" " extinguisher supplies,	4.35
C. N. Perkins & Co., fire extinguishers and supplies,	42.00

Paid	C. F. Elliott, brackets, shelves, etc., for Town House and school houses,	$ 7.11
	S. Dodge, Jr., cash paid for bottles, supplies, etc.,	1.80
	B. & M. R. R. and American Express Co., freight and transportation,	1.30
	W. F. Trowt, agent, insurance on Town House ($5000),	156.25
	Estate of E. F. Waters, for withdrawal of suit for damages, on account of alleged trespass in widening and taking down the grade of the highway on Pond hill,	75.00
	One-half cost of court expenses in above case,	24.90
	Charles D. Gay, writing out testimony in Tilton case for use of Supreme Court,	59.38
	A. B. Black, agent, snow plow for West district,	40.00
		$ 493.09

Monument Park and Common.

Paid	Wellington Pool, labor on Common,	$ 4.60
	" " " Park,	9.46
		$ 14.06

Fire Department.

Paid	Enon Fire Association, 27 members,	$ 54.00
	Chas. W. Perkins, wood,	1.25
	Wm. T. Tucker, sawing wood,	.50
	James Fairfield, coal,	10.75
	H. W. Porter, repairs on engine house,	.75
	Fred P. Stanton, oil, chimneys and other supplies,	6.98
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	2.29
		$ 76.52

Cost of Cistern on Common.

Paid George W. Jones,	labor,	$ 1.60
George E. Homan,	"	6.00
Fred F. Porter,	"	1.80
F. H. Tarr,	"	7.52
S. M. Hill, digging cistern and removing gravel,		23.00
S. E. McGlauflin, contract for mason work,		136.50
" " extra labor and stock,		4.00
W. F. Redlon, cement pipe and lumber,		19.37
D. A. Homan, labor,		3.30
H. E. Durgin, iron work, etc.		1.00
F. E. Perkins, labor, etc.		1.25
H. W. Porter, cash paid for cistern cover and labor,		4.75
J. H. Perkins, labor,		3.00
		$ 213.09

Town Officers.

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Wellington Pool,	salary one year,	$ 50.00
" "	returning vote for representative to Beverly (19th district)	2.00
" "	obtaining, recording, indexing, transcribing and returning births, deaths and marriages,	14.00
		$ 66.00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Wm. B. Morgan,	services to March 1, 1898,	30.00
Elbridge Porter,	" "	30.00
F. M. Dodge,	" "	66.00
Elbridge Porter, taking census of school children,		4.00
		$ 130.00

REGISTRARS.

Paid Wellington Pool,	7 sessions,	$ 7.00
" "	posting registration notices,	2.00
" "	cash paid for use of Wenham Neck chapel,	.25
R. F. Dodge,	6 sessions,	6.00
N. P. Perkins,	4 "	4.00
J. H. Perkins,	6 "	6.00
		$ 25.25

ASSESSORS.

Paid R. F. Dodge,	13 days' services,	26.00
J. H. Perkins,	13 "	26.00
N. P. Perkins,	13 "	26.00
		$ 78.00

Preparing valuation lists for printing and also certified copy to return to Secretary of State.

Paid R. F. Dodge,	6 days' services,	12.00
N. P. Perkins,	6 "	12.00
J. H. Perkins,	5 "	10.00
		$ 34.00

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Paid J. H. Perkins,	services for the year,	5.00
R. F. Dodge,	" "	5.00
N. P. Perkins,	" "	5.00
"	journey out of town and cash paid,	3.00
J. H. Perkins,	" " "	10.50
"	cash paid sending tramp to Newburyport,	.90
		$ 29.40

TOWN TREASURER.

Paid Wm. F. Trowt,	salary, one year,	$ 50.00

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Paid J. H. Perkins, Jr.,	salary for 1897,	50.00

SELECTMEN.

Paid N. P. Perkins,	distributing town reports,	1.00
" "	16 days' services,	32.00
" "	for incidental services,	5.00
" "	journeys out of town,	4.00
J. H. Perkins,	" "	7.10
" "	12½ days' services,	25.00
" "	distributing town reports,	2.50
" "	" valuation books,	2.00
" "	services at State election,	2.50
" "	" in Waters' case,	5.00
" "	conveying agent of State Aid commissioners around town,	3.00
R. F. Dodge,	distributing town reports,	2.00
" "	" valuation books,	2.00
" "	15½ days' services,	31.00
" "	journey out of town,	2.00
		$ 126.10

AUDITOR.

Paid O. D. Brewer,	services Feb. 1898,	3.00

CONSTABLES AND POLICE.

Paid H. P. Brewer,	services July 4th, 1897,	2.00
Geo. W. Wilson,	" "	2.00
Fred F. Abbott,	" " 1898, day and night,	3.00
S. K. Evans,	services July 4th, 1898,	2.00
H. E. Durgin,	one day's services,	2.00
Elbridge Porter,	special service,	2.00

H. A. Moulton, 2d,	services for the year 1897,	10.00
Chas. H. McQueeney,	" " 1898,	13.00
" "	fees in district court cases Nos. 87 and 114,	6.84
H. A. Moulton, 2d,	fees in district court case No. 320,	4.25
Henry Alley,	2 days' services,	4.00
" "	serving dog warrant,	3.50
" "	posting warrants for town meeting and State election,	4.00
		$ 58.59

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE AND PROVISIONS.

Paid Henry Alley,	services for 6 mos. ending March 1, 1898,	31.00
" " " "	Aug. 31, 1898,	25.00
		$ 56.00

MODERATOR OF TOWN MEETING.

Paid Abbott Johnson,	annual meeting 1897,	3.00
" " " "	1898,	3.00
		$ 6.00

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Paid J. Kavanagh,	ballot clerk state election 1897,	2.00
H. L. Eaton,	" " " "	2.00
S. K. Evans,	" " " 1898,	2.00
		$ 6.00

Care of Poor Travellers.

Paid George A. Herrick,	crackers,	3.79
John C. Richards,	care to March 1, 1899, 1 year,	50.00
		$ 53.79

State Aid.

Paid Warren Burpee,	$ 12.00
Elbridge K. Standley,	48.00
Warren Larrabee,	48.00
Harriet A. Larrabee,	48.00
Joseph B. Woodman,	48.00
John F. Peach,	72.00
Elizabeth S. Peach,	32.00
George G. Clarke,	72.00
Jonas M. Rollins,	16.00
Henry P. Brewer,	36.00
Joseph Addison,	48.00
Ephraim Hathaway,	20.00
	$ 500.00

Military Aid.

Paid Benj. F. Young,	$ 144.00
Daniel A. Homan,	96.00
Philip Morrill, Jr.,	24.00
	$ 264.00

Abatements.

1895.

Heirs of H. O. Edwards,	too much real,	$ 1.20
F. LeBarron,	" "	1.00
J. Brock,	" personal,	1.00
R. W. Carter,	" "	2.00
Total,		$ 5.20

1896.

C. Barker,	not liable,	$1.84
J. S. Nelson,	"	.92

Heirs of H. O. Edwards,	too much real,	$ 1.10
A. Bixby,	not able,	2.00
James E. Dodge,	not liable,	2.00
J. K. Turnbull,	"	2.00
Heirs of Chas. H. Henderson,	exempt,	1.61
E. B. Pulsifer,	deceased,	2.23
W. F. Waitt,	not found,	2.00
R. W. Carter,	too much personal,	1.84
Total,		$ 17.54

1897.

Heirs of H. O. Edwards,	too much real,	$ 1.15
C. H. Tilton, personal,	not liable,	35.24
Amos F. Hobbs, "	"	4.80
David Smith, "	"	19.20
Chas. Julian, "	"	11.52
A. Bixby,	not able,	2.00
Frank Hill,	not found,	2.00
J. W. Easty,	"	2.00
W. H. Miller,	"	2.00
E. B. Pulsifer,	deceased,	2.24
James Scott,	not found,	2.00
Ellick White,	not able,	2.00
C. Barker,	not liable,	1.92
J. S. Nelson,	"	.96
Heirs of Chas. H. Henderson,	exempt,	2.16
Sam. E. Hill,	not found,	2.00
Total,		$ 93.19

1898.

Chas. D. Sias,	too much real,	$26.40
" "	" personal,	17.60
Heirs of H. O. Edwards,	" real,	1.05
Heirs of Elizabeth C. Dodge,	exempt,	.22
Daniel E. Homan,	too much real,	.44
T. C. Hollander,	" "	26.40
Total,		$ 72.11

Summary of Town Expenses.

Schools,	$1789.75
School incidentals,	330.79
High School tuition,	442.50
Highway wards,	1062.25
Extra highway,	5.06
Snow bills,	580.63
Support of Poor,	561.56
Soldiers' Relief,	389.26
Town House and Hall,	124.64
Town Library,	180.91
Park and Common,	14.06
Incidentals,	432.50
Extra Incidentals,	493.09
Repairing Sidewalks,	122.06
Cost of Cistern on Common,	213.09
Town Officers,	718.34
Care of Tramps,	53.79
State and Military Aid,	764.00
Abatements 1894, 1895 and 1896,	115.93
" 1897,	72.11
Fire Department,	76.52
	$ 8,542.84

Tax Collectors' Account.

1894.

ELBRIDGE PORTER, COLLECTOR FOR 1894, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

To Balance due on tax list of 1894,	$ 31.50
By payments to Wm. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	7.85
Uncollected taxes,	23.65
	$31.50

1895.

JAMES H. PERKINS, JR., COLLECTOR FOR 1895, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

To Balance on tax list for 1895,	$28.25
Interest on taxes,	1.63
	$29.88
By payment to Wm. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	11.63
Uncollected taxes,	18.25
	$29.88

1896.

JAMES H. PERKINS, JR., COLLECTOR FOR 1896, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

To Balance on tax list of 1896,	440.38
Interest on taxes,	74.99
	$515.37
By payments to Wm. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	462.25
Uncollected taxes,	53.12
	$515.37

1897.

JAMES H. PERKINS, JR., COLLECTOR FOR 1897, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

To balance on tax list of 1897,	$1397.70
Interest on taxes,	45.12
	$1442.82
By payments to Wm. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	778.69
Uncollected taxes,	664.13
	$1442.82

1898.

JEREMIAH KAVANAUGH, COLLECTOR FOR 1898, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

To tax list of 1898 committed to him,	$8347.04
additions to tax list,	10.98
interest on taxes,	15.29
	$8373.31
By payments to Wm. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	7292.52
discount on taxes,	41.95
uncollected taxes,	1038.84
	$8373.31

Treasurer's Account.

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH W. F. TROWT, TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

1898. Feb. 17, Balance in the treasury,	$1,397.69
From the Commonwealth, national bank tax,	284.06
" " corporation tax,	642.89
" " income of Mass. school fund,	329.62
" " state aid,	398.00
" " military aid,	168.00
" " burial of soldier,	35.00
" " on account cattle inspection,	31.00
" County treasurer, dog licenses refunded,	174.52
" Sheriff S. A. Johnson,	5.00
" Clerk of First District court,	7.29
" Naumkeag National Bank, temporary loans,	2,000.00
Wellington Pool, rent of hall and piano,	27.75
" " sale of town history,	1.00
sales of cemetery lots and soil,	133.50
town scales,	19.99

From	druggist's license,	$1.00
	butchers' licenses,	4.00
	B. H. Conant, librarian, fines collected, etc.,	4.17
	Simeon Dodge, Jr., old settee,	.25
	City of Salem, Longham taxes,	89.49
	Elbridge Porter, account tax list of 1894,	7.85
	James H. Perkins, Jr., " " " 1895-6-7,	1,305.81
	Jeremiah Kavanagh, " " " 1898,	7,292.52
		$14,360.40

PAYMENTS.

Interest on town debt,	$ 40.00
" temporary loans,	43.55
" Allen cemetery fund,	42.93
" Mary Perkins fund,	255.39
To Cemetery Commissioners,	265.21
County tax,	666.79
State tax,	435.00
Deposited in Salem Saving Bank towards payment of note due State of Mass.,	500.00
Naumkeag National Bank, temporary loans,	2,000.00
Treas. of Commonwealth, ¼ of liquor license fee,	.25
Selectmen's orders,	8,542.94
Balance in the treasury,	1,568.34
	$14,360.40

Financial Statement of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Note due State of Mass.,	$1000.00
" Trustees of Allen cemetery fund,	475.00
Interest due on above fund to Jan. 29, 1899,	48.16
Note due Trustees Mary Perkins fund,	3000.00
Interest due on above fund to Feb. 1, 1899,	112.53
Due Cemetery Commissioners,	126.31
Estimate of outstanding bills,	1000.00
	$5762.00

RESOURCES.

Cash in Treasury,	$1568.34
Due from State of Mass. for State and Military aid,	632.00
E. Porter, collector for 1894,	23.65
J. H. Perkins, Jr., collector for 1895, 1896 and 1897,	735.50
J. Kavanagh, collector for 1898,	1038.84
Deposit in Salem Savings Bank,	1055.00
	$5053.33
Balance against the town,	708.67

The Selectmen recommend the following sums to defray the ordinary expenses :

Schools,	$ 1,400.00
School Incidentals,	300.00
High School tuition,	400.00
Incidentals,	1,800.00
Highways,	1,300.00
Library,	150.00
Interest,	225.00
Soldiers' Relief,	400.00
Support of Poor,	600.00
	$ 6,575.00

List of Jurors Proposed by the Selectmen.

George W. Jones, laborer,
Simeon Dodge, Jr. shoemaker,
George W. Patch, butcher,
Arthur D. Prince, farmer,
George E. Perkins, carpenter,
Nathaniel P. Perkins, farmer,
Frank E. Perkins, butcher,
Chas. H. Stanton, farmer,
Jeremiah Kavanagh, retired,
Chas. H. McQueeney, conductor,
Leander F. Hodgdon, farmer,
Clarence E. Kimball, farmer,
Edward L. Rollins, motorman,
Fred F. Abbott, carpenter.

Assessor's Report.

Number of male polls assessed,	257
Tax on each poll,	$ 2.00
Value of assessed personal property,	$ 159,650
" " buildings,	454,750
" " land,	276,400
Total valuation,	890,800
" tax,	8,347.04
Rate per thousand,	$8.80
Number of horses,	268
" cows,	363
" sheep,	4
" other neat cattle than cows,	22
" swine,	120
" fowls,	1900
" dwelling houses,	242
" acres of land assessed,	4584
" tax payers,	482
" " on property,	398
" " poll tax only,	84

Report of the Trustees of the Mary Perkins Fund.

1898	Feb. 1.	Unexpended balance,	$217.92
1899	Feb. 1.	Interest for one year,	150.00
			$ 367.92
Paid for supplies furnished to different persons,			$ 255.39
1899	Feb. 1.	Unexpended balance,	112.53
			$ 367.92
Paid C. W. Perkins, wood,			$ 1.25
James Fairfield, coal,			22.00
John Buckley, adm'r, rent,			8.34

Paid Horace Foster, groceries,	$ 70.07
Mary A. Cogswell, rent,	21.00
Daniel E. Homan, board,	12.50
James Fairfield, coal,	49.50
Horace Foster, groceries,	70.73
	$ 255.39

Report of Cemetery Commissioners.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 17, 1898,	$258.02
From sale of lots,	130.50
" soil,	3.00
	$ 391.52

PAYMENTS.

To Warren Jones, for labor,	$ 52.80
Frank H. Tarr, "	49.36
Samuel K. Evans, "	24.10
Daniel A. Homan, "	26.00
Jonas M. Rollins, "	22.80
George W. Jones, "	36.76
W. T. Tucker, "	1.80
Elbridge Porter, " and gravel,	18.84
Huldah K. Tarr, rocks for cemetery wall,	12.00
T. C. Thurlow, trees and shrubs,	15.75
Addison Brothers, painting and lettering sign boards,	5.00
Balance in treasury,	126.31
	$ 391.52

N. P. PERKINS,
J. H. PERKINS,
R. F. DODGE,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

Auditor's Report.

The undersigned, having examined the accounts of the several officers, finds the same correct with vouchers for the payments.

OTIS D. BREWER, Auditor.

Town Clerk's Report, 1898.

Sixteen births, eight marriages, and twenty-two deaths were recorded in Wenham in 1898.

Of the births nine were males and seven were females.

DEATHS.

1898		Years	Months	Days
Jan. 5,	Ann M. Brown,*	78	4	12
" 18,	——— Rogers,*			1
" 19,	George W. Peabody,	84	4	10
" 27,	Levi Whattom,	1	3	12
Feb. 7,	Charles E. Kimball,	25	5	28
" 14,	Edward B. Pulsifer,	65	7	26
Apr. 23,	Annie D. Homan,	1	4	11
" 28,	James Woodbury,	86		
May 2,	Iza A. Bixby,*	52	4	25
June 17,	Charles E. Wyatt,*	49	10	6
" 29,	Lucinda Woodman,	76	8	9
July 20,	Elizabeth H. Tiney,	86	8	22
" 31,	Susan C. Quimby,	59		
Sept. 5,	Elizabeth Galucia,	38	7	
Oct. 21,	Hannah E. Wright,*	53	11	10
" 24,	Blanche L. Powers,*	28	10	21
Dec. 2,	William Higgins,*	89	6	16
" 11,	Sarah B. Cook,	45	6	
" 14,	Lydia D. Wilkins,	76	4	13
" 31,	Martha A. Prince,	63	3	10

*Removed for Interment Elsewhere.

BROUGHT TO WENHAM FOR INTERMENT.

1898		Years	Months	Days
Sept. 21,	George D. Barnes,	—	9	
Dec. 16,	Bertha Abbott,	62	—	22

DOGS.

One hundred and two dogs, ninety one males and eleven females were licensed, and from the amount received therefor, the sum of two hundred and sixteen dollars and sixty cents was paid into the County treasury.

The sum refunded to the town was one hundred and seventy-four dollars and fifty-two cents.

WELLINGTON POOL, Town Clerk.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

ESSEX SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the said town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on MONDAY, the sixth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2. To act on the annual reports of Selectmen, School Committee, Trustees of the Public Library, and other Town officers.

3. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the year ensuing, make appropriations of the same, and determine the manner of collecting.

5. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, said loan or loans to be paid from said taxes.

6. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as proposed by the Selectmen.

7. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the expenses of "Memorial Day," under the direction of the soldiers and sailors of Wenham.

8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sufficient

sum of money to pay the State and Military aid for the coming year.

9. To see what action the town will take in relation to truant scholars.

10. Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The ballot shall be "Yes," or "No."

11. To see if the town will make any offer of settlement in the suit soon to come before the Superior Court of Charles H. Tilton and others to recover damages for injuries sustained on account of an alleged defect in the highway, or act anything thereon.

12. To see if the town will vote to repair the dials of the town clock, and appropriate money for the same, or act anything thereon. Request of Wellington Pool.

13. To see what action the town will take in regard to furnishing a suitable water supply for the Town Hall building and Primary School, and to raise money for the same, per petition of F. P. Stanton and others.

14. To see what action the town will take in regard to the purchase of a chemical fire engine, and to appropriate money for the same, per petition of F. H. Tarr and others.

15. To see if the town will vote to build another cistern for fire purposes, at some point on Main street, or act anything thereon, per petition of H. E. Durgin and others.

16. To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town House, one at the Baptist meeting house, one at A. D. & W. F. Trowt's store, one at the chapel at Mapleville, and one at the eastern part of the town, near the house of J. K. Dodge in said town, seven days, at least, before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your

doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this seventeenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

N. P. PERKINS,
J. H. PERKINS,
R. F. DODGE,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

TOWN OF WENHAM.

Annual Reports,

1894=5.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE

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FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 16, 1895.

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FOR THE

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REPORT.

School Department.

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid L. B. Cogswell, teaching balance winter term, 1894,	$64.00
Mary E. Dodge, teaching spring term, 1894,	90.00
" " " fall term, 1894,	96 00
" " " winter term, 1894–5, 1 week,	8.00
John K. Dodge, wood,	18.00
" " glass, and setting the same,	.75
L. A. Preston, care of room and fires,	10.00
Total,	$286.75

NECK SCHOOL.

Paid F. D. Williams, teaching balance of winter term, 1894,	$54.00
F. D. Williams, " spring term, 1894,	108.00
S. W. Munroe, " fall term, 1894,	96.00
" " " winter term, 7 weeks, 1894–5,	63.00
Charles Wilkins, wood,	18.00
S. C. Prince, care of room and fires,	10.00
Total,	$349.00

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid G. H. Gould, teaching balance winter term, 1894,	$100.00
" " " spring term, 1894,	120.00

Paid G. H. Gould, teaching fall term, 1894,	$120.00
" " " winter term, 1894–5, 3 weeks,	30.00
Beverly & Salem Coal Company, coal,	35.00
Lucy P. Crowell, cleaning room to March, 1893,	10.00
Caroline C. Soper, cleaning room,	1.50
W. Pool, care of fires,	15.00
L. P. Crowell, care of room to July, 1894,	13.32
Total,	$444.82

CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Paid B. M. Durgin, teaching balance winter term, 1894,	$42.50
" " " spring term, 1894,	102.00
" " " fall term, 1894,	108.00
" " " winter term, 1894–5, 8 weeks,	72.00
John Girdler, coal, spring term, 2 tons,	12 50
Salem & Beverly coal company, coal, 2 tons,	10.00
Wellington Pool, sweeping room,	10.85
Wellington Pool, cash paid B. H. Conant, services,	.25
Wellington Pool, care of fires,	10.00
Total,	$368.10

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid G. E. Pitcher, teaching balance winter term, 1894, 4 weeks,	$36.00
A. E. Dillingham, teaching spring term, 1894,	96.00
Florence Carleton, teaching fall term, 1894,	96.00
" " " winter term, 8 weeks, 1894–5,	72.00
Harlam Brown, care of room and fires,	10.00
J. Lester Brown, " " " " " spring term, 1894,	3.33
John Girdler, coal, spring term, 1894,	6.00
Salem and Beverly Coal Company, coal, 2½ tons,	12.50
Joseph G. Kent, wood,	2.50

Paid Wm. B. Morgan, 1 cord maple wood, sawed, split and housed,	$8.00
Wm. B. Morgan, cash paid for zinc,	.80
Mrs. James W. Cass, cleaning room,	2.00
Total,	$345.13

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Paid Merrill & Mackintire, supplies,	$7.85
Boston School Supply Co., books and supplies,	36.34
Wm. Ware & Co., " "	20.66
J. L. Hammett, " "	3.61
Putnam & Pope, lumber, 1893–4,	23.54
Rigel & Pulsifer, coating roof West School House,	22.64
" " " " Neck " "	24.12
Wm. B. Morgan, cash paid for supplies,	6.80
" " repairs on School House,	6.30
G. H. Gould, cash for blank books,	.30
J. Frank Porter, chairs, West school room,	4.88
C. F. Elliot, labor and stock, Centre schools,	2.42
F. M. Dodge, cash paid for books and supplies, 1893,	10.45
F. M. Dodge, cash paid for books and supplies, 1894,	16.37
F. M. Dodge, cash paid expressing, 1893–4,	1.89
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	2.63
W. H. Merrill, "	3.30
A. C. Mackintire, "	2.68
Total,	$196.98

Highway Department.

WARD ONE.

Paid Addison Williams,	$17.90
John K. Dodge,	7.50
Samuel Hawkins,	8.50
Wm. H. Beck,	3.40

Paid Benj. F. Burchstead,	$ 5.95
Timothy Higgins,	3.40
John Higgins,	3.40
D. W. Preston,	14.60
Philip Morrill,	5.10
Chas. E. Wyatt,	7.20
Geo. W. Stillman,	.85
John Gentlee, gravel,	1.25
Total,	$79.05

WARD TWO.

Chas. T. Brown, Surveyor.

Paid Wm. H. Beck,	$3.06
S. H. Hawkins,	3.06
R. F. Dodge,	30.21
Asa F. Putnam,	33.14
F. S. Lovett,	2.38
John Gentlee,	47.36
Jacob Brown,	17.57
Chas. T. Brown,	13.60
John Gentlee, removing stone, cutting bushes, etc.,	7.01
Total,	$157.39

WARD THREE.

John P. Conant, Surveyor.

Paid S. R. Prince,	$15.15
Z. Cole,	15.79
Chas. Wilkins,	10.16
H. Killam,	14.94
F. Edwards,	14.00
A. Young,	1.36
P. H. Kavanagh,	3.06
J. P. Conant,	6.10
F. M. Dodge,	3.06
Wm. Tucker,	3.06
Total,	$86.68

WARD FOUR.

WM. P. DODGE, SURVEYOR.

Paid P. H. Kavanagh,	$11.47
Harper & Hill,	18.77
Warren Jones,	1.70
E. K. Batchelder,	1.70
Geo. F. Dodge,	9.60
Total,	$43.24

WARD FIVE.

P. H. KAVANAGH, SURVEYOR.

Paid Harper & Hill,	$71.25
P. H. Kavanagh,	40.98
Chas. W. Perkins,	14.15
Elbridge Porter,	23.05
M. Sullivan,	9.80
Dan'l A. Homan,	2.55
Geo. W. Jones,	11.05
E. K. Batchelder,	4.25
Fred. Porter,	2.55
J. L. Batchelder,	10.45
J. Frank Batchelder,	5.10
Asa W. Trowt,	6.80
John Kavanagh,	5.10
Chas. Herrick,	6.80
Austin G. Patch,	6.40
S. K. Evans,	1.70
Warren Jones, on railing,	3.40
P. H. Kavanagh, gravel,	22.60
E. Danforth, "	3.20
Total,	$251.18

WARD SIX.

DANIEL A. HOMAN, SURVEYORS.

Paid D. A. Homan, labor and gravel,	$15.20
Geo. W. Jones,	17.00

Paid E. K. Batchelder,	$5.10
P. M. Barnes,	3.06
T. M. Barnes,	3.06
—— Wheeler,	5.10
John R. Sargent,	7.16
Total,	$55.68

WARD SEVEN.

Stephen Cook, Surveyor.

Paid Chester S. Cook,	$26.60
A. H. Peabody,	35.50
John Page,	10.20
S. C. Alley,	8.50
A. R. Bowden,	5.10
G. A. Perkins,	18.20
H. N. Burpee,	19.90
Sam'l S. Cook,	3.40
Joseph G. Kent,	3.40
Stephen Cook,	13.60
E. K. Standley,	6.70
J. Archie Town,	14.50
Dudley Town, gravel,	4.50
John Flint, "	.90
W. B. Morgan, "	2.64
Total,	$173.64

WARD EIGHT.

E. L. Kimball, Surveyor.

Paid E. L. Kimball,	$13.65
Chas. E. Kimball,	5.95
Chas. Kimball, jr.,	4.25
C. H. Stanton,	5.10
J. S. Brown,	11.50
Jacob Anthony,	3.40

Paid Joseph Wesel,	$ 6.54
" " gravel,	11.20
Total,	$61.59

WARD NINE.

W. S. Cummings, Surveyor.

Paid W. S. Cummings,	$18.45
Chas. W. Perkins,	14.70
Chas. L. Webber,	3.40
M. Sullivan,	6.86
J. R. Sargent,	.40
P. H. Kavanagh, gravel,	5.60
	$49.41

Road Machine.

Paid Climax Road Machine Co.,	$225.00

Snow Department.

Paid A. Williams,	Ward One,	$1.00
J. K. Dodge,	" "	4.00
D. W. Preston,	" "	4.60
G. W. Stillman,	" "	2.40
W. H. Beck,	" "	1.75
S. H. Hawkins,	" "	1.80
B. F. Burchstead,	" "	3.20
J. W. Higgins,	" "	1.30
T. Higgins,	" "	1.30
C. E. Wyatt,	" "	1.20
Total,		$22.55

Paid Chas. T. Brown,	Ward Two,	$1.20
John Gentlee,	" "	3.60
W. S. Putnam,	" "	3.00
G. W. Johnson,	" "	1.80
F. T. Johnson,	" "	2.00
E. Powers,	" "	.60
F. S. Lovett, jr.,	" "	1.20
Total,		$15.40
Paid John P. Conant,	Ward Three,	$4.80
Horace Killam,	" "	6.60
F. Killam,	" "	3.20
Wm. Tucker,	" "	1.40
A. Norcross,	" "	1.50
A. Bisxby,	" "	1.60
Chas. Wilkins,	" "	8.40
John Philbrick,	" "	1.20
Zachariah Cole,	" "	8.00
S. R. Prince,	" "	5.70
F. Edwards,	" "	9.00
H. W. Dodge,	" "	2.00
A. Young,	" "	.60
F. M. Dodge,	" "	1.20
Total,		$55.20
Paid Wm. P. Dodge,	Ward Four,	15.80
Geo. F. Dodge,	" "	4.60
Irving L. Burnham,	" "	1.70
John Williams,	" "	.80
Total,		$22.90
Paid Warren Jones,	Ward Six,	2.20
Daniel A. Homan,	" "	3.40
E. K. Batchelder,	" "	2.30
E. Brown,	" "	1.50
Walter Homan,	" "	1.50
Frank Barnes,	" "	.90
F. A. Standley,	" "	1.80
Edward Hall,	" "	.70
A. Hodgden,	" "	.50
Total,		$14.80

Paid Stephen Cook,	Ward Seven,	$2.60
Geo. W. Peabody, Jr.,	" "	.60
Geo. A. Perkins,	" "	2.40
S. S. Cook,	" "	1.10
Wm. Chace,	" "	1.00
J. W. L. Moulton,	" "	2 00
Benj. Hodgden,	" "	.90
L. T. Hodgden,	" "	1.30
James Turnbull,	" "	1.30
Everett Stanley,	" "	1.60
A. R. Bowden,	" "	1.40
Edward Morse,	" "	1.00
Joseph Haskell,	" "	1.00
Total,		$18.20
Paid M. Sullivan,	Ward Nine,	.80
Chas. Herrick,	" "	1.40
Seth Tinkham,	" "	2.80
Geo. W. Butman,	" "	1.30
Wm. S. Cummings,	" "	4.80
Chas. Tinkham,	" "	1.70
Archie Tinkham,	" "	2.40
Chas. W. Perkins,	" "	.80
Chas. Webber,	" "	1.10
Fred. F. Abbott,	" "	.95
Herbert Whiting,	" "	.95
Total,		$19.00
Total amount,		$168.05

Soldiers Relief.

Paid Thomas H. Clark, cash, 3 months,	$30.00
" " " " 9 months,	72.00
	$102.00

FRANCIS HARWOOD.

Paid A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	$2.00

EDWIN PLAISTED.

Paid John W. L. Moulton, board and nursing,	$25.00
Dr. J. W. Badwin, medical attendance,	15.00
Lee & Creesey, funeral expenses,	23.50
Wellington Pool, services as undertaker,	6.00
Mrs. A. B. Tyler, board of Mrs. E. Plaisted,	32.00
Total,	$101.50

GEORGE W. BABCOCK.

Paid Town of Melrose for 6 mos. ending June 30, 1894,	
Groceries,	$74.00
Rent,	48.00
Medical attendance,	36.00
Clothing and shoes,	12.58
Fuel,	8.00
Medicine,	14.46
Paid for 6 months ending Jan. 1, 1895,	
Rent and groceries,	90.00
Medical attendance,	14.00
Medicine prescribed by physician,	15.25
Total,	$312.29

KIMBALL H. DREW.

Paid James H. Perkins, jr., shoes, clothing and medicine,	$19.28
C. H. & J. Price, Salem, 1 truss,	4.00
Total,	$23.28

Poor Department.

AUGUSTUS HUTCHINSON.

Paid Peter Roberts, board,	$ 14.00
Chas. R. Hutchinson, board,	122.50
Dr. Chas. B. Leroyd, medical attendance,	50.00
J. H. Perkins, jr., medicine,	.35
Wellington Pool, undertaker, services,	6.50
Total,	$193.35

FAMILY OF RICHARD BURNHAM.

Paid Town of Danvers, supplies,	$32.85
Lore & Russell, coal,	17.00
Dr. Henry F. Batchelder, medical attendance,	18.50
Total,	$68.35

FAMILY OF HARRY WILLIAMS.

Paid Town of Hingham, supplies,	$46.38

MRS. FRANK TERRIO.

Paid City of Salem, supplies, 1893,	$63.00
" " " " January, February, March and April, 1894,	32.00
Total,	$95.00

GEORGE W. CHANNELL.

Paid Frank A. Standley, board,	$32.50
" " " "	8.93
J. H. Perkins, jr., shoes,	1.50
Total,	$42.93

MRS. CHARLES H. PIERCE.

Paid Town of Beverly, supplies, 6 months ending July 1, 1894,	$48.00
Town of Beverly, supplies, 6 months ending Jan. 1, 1895,	64.00
Total,	$112.00

IVORY DAY.

Paid John Gentlee, wood,	$ 3 00
J. C. Sauer, coal,	2.63
H. P. Woodbury, supplies,	143.87
Total,	$149.50

Lockup and Tramps.

Paid Wheeler, Blodget & Co., six pair blankets,	$11.40
H. C. Batchelder, stove and funnel,	4.25
D. A. Homan, care of 83 tramps one month,	4.00
" " filing saws,	.40
" " watching tramps saw wood,	.51
Henry Hobbs, care of 397 tramps 11 months,	41.25
Geo. A. Herrick, crackers, 2 bbls.,	6.31
Henry Hobbs, cash for crackers and candles,	2 37
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	4.06
Total,	$74.55

Town House and Hall.

Paid Beverly and Salem Coal Co., coal,	$22.00
Geo. H. Woodbury, repairing furnace,	2.25
C. P. Osborne, " "	18.20
Lunt, Rogers & Chase, " "	1.00
Chas. F. Elliott, repairs on Town House,	8.67
" " bulletin board,	1.86
Wellington Pool, care of town room and hall,	22.30
A. J. Walker, tuning piano,	2.30
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	3.98
" " " " for street light,	6.24
Harry Brewer, care of " "	10.00
Total,	$98.80

Park and Common.

Paid Wellington Pool, labor,	$9.23
" " cash paid for labor,	2.80
" " ½ sharpening lawn mower,	.63
" " cash paid S. R. Prince, for fertilizer,	1.85
Total,	$14.41

Fire Department.

Paid James H. Perkins, jr., alcohol,	$ .45
Enon Fire Association, thirty-five members,	70.00
John Girdler, coal,	6.25
E. J. Faxon, engine brakes,	10.00
Beverly & Salem Coal Co., coal,	4.75
G. H. Woodbury, repairing chimney,	2 00
John C. Sauer, coal,	7.88
Geo. B. Gibney, "	1.75
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	6.04
E. E. Soper, watching fire (M. Patch),	2.00
	$111.12

Library.

Paid Salem Press, binding books and magazines and printing cards,	$ 20.75
DeWolf, Fiske & Co., library books,	103.30
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn,	2.80
B. H. Conant, record book,	.50
" " expense of committee to Boston to purchase books,	5.15
B. H. Conant, incidental expense for the year,	1.13
American Express bringing books from Boston,	.85
Total,	$134.48

Incidentals.

Paid B. H. Conant, care of town clock,	$20.00
Salem Press Co., printing town reports,	33.21
" " " " school "	24.60
B. H. Conant, cash for refunding money paid for library catalogues (vote of the town),	11.50
James H. Perkins, jr., paper, pens, ink, etc.	.87
George W. Jones, watching prisoner,	3.40
American Express,	.15

Paid Harper & Hill, labor and team, trial of road machine,	$ 6.20
Harper & Hill, hauling drain pipe,	2.50
" " moving stone at cemetery,	1 00
M. Sullivan, labor and team, trial of road machine,	4.70
Clerk of courts entering petitions for discontinuance and relocating new street,	6.00
G. A. Aylward, printing tax bills,	3.75
John C. Batchelder, vaccinating 61 scholars, 1893–4,	30.50
John Gentlee, cash paid for license blank,	.50
J. H. Perkins, telephone and paper,	.36
M. R. Warren, tax collector's book,	1.00
Putnam & Pope, railing for Pond hill,	9.20
E. K. Batchelder, cedar posts, " "	7.70
G. H. Woodbury, mason work, " Hobbs drain"	1.50
Geo. W. Casson, labor, " "	2.50
Geo. W. Jones, " " "	1.78
Jas. H. Perkins, " " "	1.50
Jos. M. Parsons, 18 in. drain pipe " "	23.19
" " 6 " " " Friend street,	3.78
" " 10 " bend, Main street,	.96
" " 1 cask cement,	1.30
Elbridge Porter, labor and material (Hobbs drain),	3.45
J. E. Kennett, expressing,	.50
Town of Danvers, ½ year's tuition N. M. Peabody (Danvers High School),	15.00
Chas. F. Elliott, making library chest for East District,	5.32
Chas. F. Elliott, " guide boards,	4.87
" " " watering trough,	4.20
Henry P. Brewer, journey to Beverly for Coroner in case of James Mann and conveying police,	3.00
Paid Wellington Pool, administering oaths,	3.40
" " cash American express,	2.40
" " " paid for dog license blanks, keys for lockup and for labor on hearse,	2.45
Wellington Pool, cash for halyards and repairtng flag,	1.35

Paid Wellington Pool, preparing cemetery deeds,	$ .85
" " two journeys to Salem to return dog license money,	2.00
Wellington Pool, labor on funnel and wood,	1.35
" " returning 24 deaths as undertaker,	6.00
A. W. Trowt, distributing town reports,	1.50
G. A. Aylward, printing tax collector's summons,	2.25
H. E. Durgin, repairs on hearse,	1.00
State of Massachusetts, ink,	.84
Dr. S. E. Thayer, returning births,	1.75
H. D. & W. F. Trowt, postage, stationery, etc.,	2.22
Thos. Groom & Co., balance on tax collector's book,	.50
James H. Perkins, labor on road, ward five,	1.00
Dan'l E. Homan, work on sidewalk, ward six,	1.38
Henry Hobbs, for bricks used on drain,	.80
Total,	$272.95

Cemetery.

Paid Daniel E. Homan, labor, changing gate,	$15.00
James H. Perkins, " " " and cemetery,	8.25
G. W. Casson, " " "	1.50
" " cash for cement,	.50
Geo. W. Jones, labor and team,	2.30
E. K. Batchelder, "	1.70
Total,	$29.25

Town Officers.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Elbridge Porter, services for year ending March, 1894,	$26.00
Elbridge Porter, census of school children,	4.00
Josiah B. Brown, services for year ending March, 1894,	25.00

Paid F. M. Dodge, services for year ending March, 1893,	$55.00
F. M. Dodge, " " " " " 1894,	57.00
Wm. B. Morgan, " " " " " 1895,	26.00
Total,	$193.00

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Wellington Pool, salary one year,	$50.00
" " returning vote for representative,	2.00
" " obtaining, returning, recording and indexing births, deaths and marriages,	12.35
Wellington Pool, stationery and postage,	2.93
Total,	$67.25

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Paid Simeon Dodge, jr. (ballot clerk),	$ 2.00
C. S. Cook (constable),	2.00
H. W. Porter, "	2.00
F. H. Tarr (teller),	2.00
H. A. Moulton, "	2.00
Total,	$10.00

REGISTRARS.

Paid David Pingree, 2 sessions. spring. 1894,	$2.00
N. P. Perkins, 4 " " and fall, 1894,	4.00
John Gentlee, 7 " " " "	7.00
Wellington Pool, 6 " " 1894–5,	6.00
" " cash paid care of Neck Chapel,	.25
" " " " City Clerk of Salem for posters,	.50
Wellington Pool, posting registrars' notice,	1.00
James H. Perkins, 2 sessions as registrar,	2.00
Total,	$22.75

AUDITOR.

Paid Simeon Dodge, jr., services 1894,	$ 3.00

SELECTMEN.

Paid John Gentlee, 19½ days service,	$39.00
" " journeys out of town and cash paid,	13.34
" " conducting correspondence and making returns, etc.,	15.00
N. P. Perkins, 17½ days service,	35.00
Jas. H. Perkins, 17 days service,	34.00
Total,	$136.34

TREASURER.

Paid Wm. F. Trowt, services for the year,	$50.00

ASSESSORS.

Paid John Gentlee, 13½ days service,	$27.00
N. P. Perkins, 11 " "	22.00
Jas. H. Perkins, 14 " "	28.00
Total,	$77.00

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid John Gentlee, service for the year,	$10.00
N. P. Perkins, " " " "	6.00
Jas. H. Perkins, " " " "	6.00
" " journeys to Boston and Melrose, Hingham, Beverly, and cash paid,	11.25
N. P. Perkins, 2 journeys to Boston and Melrose,	3.75
Total,	$37.00

CONSTABLES AND POLICE.

Paid Chester S. Cook, posting warrant for annual town meeting,	$2.50
Chester S. Cook, services as constable,	2.00
Chas. H. McQueeney, serving dog warrant,	5.00
" " posting warrants and service as constable,	9.00

Paid Henry Alley, by order of clerk of Dist. Court, service in case of Albert E. Glidden,	$8.60
Henry Alley, by order of clerk of Dist. Court, cases numbered 5492 and 5493,	5.06
Henry Alley, by order of clerk of Dist. Court, case numbered 5999,	4.70
H. W. Porter, service as constable for the year,	7.29
Total,	$44.15

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE.

Paid Henry Alley, regular service 1 year,	$20.00
" " 41 visits to inspect slaughtered cattle (Sec. 20, chap. 491, act of 1894),	25.55
Total,	$45.55

PLEASANT POND PETITION.

Paid Simeon Dodge, jr., witness before water supply committee,	$2.00
John Gentlee, " " " " committee,	3.00
Wm. F. Trowt, " " " " committee,	2.00
N. P. Perkins, 2 days in Boston in regard to petition and as witness at hearing,	4.00
J. H. Perkins, 2 days in Boston in regard to petition and as witness at hearing,	4.00
John Gentlee, circulating petition,	4.00
N. P. Perkins, " "	1.00
Total,	$20.00

State and Military Aid.

Paid Warren Larrabee, under Act of 1894, Chap. 301,	48.00
Harriet E. Larrabee, " " " " " "	48.00
Joseph B. Woodman, " " " " " "	48.00
Warren Burpee, " " " " " "	48.00

Paid E. K. Standley, under Act of 1894, Chap. 301,		$48.00
Mary P. Merrill,	" " " " " "	4.00
Kimball H. Drew,	" " " " " "	2.00
Benjamin F. Young,	" " " " " 279	144.00
Edwin Plaisted,	" " " " " "	12.00
Dan'l A. Homan,	" " " " " "	60.00
Total,		$462.00

Abatements, 1893.

Charles Williams,	one poll,	$2.00
John Doyle,	" "	2.00
Clarence Evans,	" " (not liable),	2.00
John Flint,	" " (not liable),	2.00
E. Grant,	" "	2.00
Chas. Greenlaw, poll and personal,		3.16
Chas. Homan, one poll (not liable),		2.00
Walter Kimball, personal, not liable,		58.00
Warren Larrabee, poll and personal,		2.15
Wm. Ludden, poll, not liable,		2 00
James Mann, deceased,		2.00
Wm. Rowell,	one poll,	2.00
F. A. Standley,	" " not liable,	2.00
Chas. H. Tilton,	" " " "	2.00
Frank Wilkins,	" "	2.00
Moses Wheeler,	" " " "	2.00
Chas. Whiting,	" " " "	2.00
Total,		$91.31

Abatements for 1894.

Walter Kimball, personal, not liable,		$58.00
Est. Francis S. Dodge, personal,		25.52
Edner M. Dodge, real estate,		.87
Isaac Porter,	too much personal,	.58
Everett K. Day,	" " real,	.58

Sargent Knowlton,	too much	real,		$1.34
Mrs. Nancy Batchelder,	"	"	"	2.32
Wm. B. Morgan,	"	"	"	2.77
Wm. Batchelder, Beverly,	"	"	"	.14
L. W. Batchelder,	"	"	"	.58
Total,				$92.70

Summary of Town Expenses.

Schools,	$1,793.00
School Incidentals,	196.98
Highway Wards,	957.86
Snow Bills,	168.05
Soldiers Relief,	541.07
Poor Department.	707.51
Lockup and Tramps,	74.55
Town House and Hall,	98.80
Park and Common,	14.51
Fire Department,	111.12
Library,	134.48
Incidentals,	272.95
Cemetery,	29.25
Climax Road Machine,	225.00
Town Officers,	706.04
Abatements, 1893,	91.31
Abatements, 1894,	92.70
State and Military Aid,	462.00
Total,	$6,677.98

Tax Collector's Account.

FRED. P. STANTON, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF WENHAM.

Balance due on tax list of 1893,	$387.01
Credit by payments to W. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	372.45
Uncollected taxes,	$ 14.56

ELBRIDGE PORTER IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF WENHAM.

Tax list committed to him for 1894,	$8,356.66
Additions to tax list,	9.22
Interest on taxes,	12.00
	$8,377.88

CREDITS.

By payments to W. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	$6,918 77
Discount on taxes,	83.09
Uncollected taxes,	1,376.02
	$8,377.88

Treasurer's Account.

WM. F. TROWT IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the treasury,	$ 503.96
From Wellington Pool, for rent of Town Hall,	39.25
" " " sale of cemetery lots,	19.50
" " " " " town history,	1.00
" Henry Alley, for cemetery lot,	12 00
" Commonwealth, corporation tax,	249.32
" " national bank tax,	263.47
" " income of Mass. school fund,	296.72
" " State Aid,	296.00
" " Military Aid,	114.00
" " burial of indigent soldier,	10.75
" County Treasurer, for dog licenses,	165.73
" Town of Leominster,	45.18
" Clerk of First District Court, for fines,	3.90
" P. H. Kavanagh (error in snow bill),	1.00
" Harper & Hill, use of road machine,	3.00
" sale of Augustus Hutchinson's effects,	1.10
" butcher's licenses,	6.00
" druggist's license,	1.00
" hay scales,	19.78
" F. P. Stanton (for taxes),	372.45
" Elbridge Porter " "	6,918.77
Total,	$9,343.88

PAYMENTS.

Interest on town debt,	$ 120 00
" " temporary loans,	44.50
" " cemetery fund,	31.50
" " Mary Perkins fund,	65.00
County tax,	609.29
State tax,	520.00
Commonwealth, one-fourth of license fee,	25
Deposited in Salem Savings Bank towards reduction of town debt,	500.00
Selectmen's orders,	6,677.98
Balance in treasury,	775.36
Total,	$9,343.88

Assessor's Valuation of the Town.

Real estate,	$556,225.00
Personal estate,	117,625.00
Total,	$673,850.00
Number of polls, 270.	
Tax on polls at $2.00 each,	540.00
" " real and personal estate, at $11.60 on $1,000,	8,356.66

Financial Statement of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Three notes due State of Massachusetts,	$3,000.00
Note due trustees of Allen Cemetery fund,	475.00
Interest to the Allen Cemetery fund to Jan. 29, 1895,	27.00
Due trustees of Mary Perkins fund,	3,000.00
Interest on Mary Perkins fund to Feb. 1, 1895,	257.79
Estimate of outstanding bills,	350 00
Money raised for Porter Street extension,	300.00
Total,	$7,409.79

RESOURCES.

Cash in treasury,	$ 775.36
Due from the State for state aid,	246.00
" " " " " military aid,	108.00
" " F. P. Stanton, tax collector, 1893,	14.56
" " Elbridge Porter, tax collector, 1894,	1,376.02
Deposit in Salem Savings Bank towards payment of note of State of Massachusetts,	1,010.00
Due from Town of Beverly,	2.00
Total,	$3,531.94

Balance against the town, Feb. 16, 1895,	$3,877.85
" " " " Feb. 20, 1894,	5,238.58
Reduction of debt,	$1,360.73

The Selectmen recommend the following sums to defray the ordinary expenses:—

Schools,	$1,400.00
School Incidentals,	200.00
Soldiers Relief and Poor,	1,100.00
Incidentals,	1,500.00
Highways,	1,000.00
Library,	100.00
Fire Department,	150.00
Interest,	350.00
For payment of debt,	500.00
Total,	$6,300.00

List of Jurors proposed by the Selectmen Feb. 16, 1895.

Ivory Quinby,
James H. Perkins,
Henry A. Moulton,
Arthur D. Prince,
Simeon Dodge, Jr.,
Wm. F. Trowt,
Fred. F. Perkins,
Frank W. Plaisted,

Nath'l P. Perkins,
George E. Perkins,
Elbridge Porter,

Fred. F. Abbott,
John H. Tiney,
Elbridge K. Standley.

JOHN GENTLEE,
NATH'L P. PERKINS,
JAMES H. PERKINS,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

The undersigned has examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and the bills on file with the orders corresponding thereto.

SIMEON DODGE, JR., Auditor.

Vital Statistics, 1894.

TOWN OF WENHAM.

Twelve births, thirteen marriages, and twenty-four deaths were recorded in Wenham in 1894.

Of the births, three were males and nine were females.

Of the twenty-four deaths recorded, sixteen occurred in town. Fifteen were residents and nine were non-residents. Eight were brought to Wenham for interment, and three were removed for interment elsewhere.

DEATHS.

1894		yrs.	mos.	dys.
Jan. 9,	Susan A. Brewer,*	55	3	2
" 10,	Laura J. Gould,*	77	2	
" 22,	John A. Meldram,	84	9	12
" 24,	Marion A. Perkins,		1	27
Feb. 3,	Dennis Harrigan,†	75?		
" 23,	Susan M. Langley,†	77		3
Mar. 7,	Lucy B. Cole,	70	4	7
" 8,	Edwin Plaisted (Co. B, 2d Mass. Reg't Inf. and 4th Reg't U. S. Art.),	55	1	23
" 19,	Morris Webber,*	81	3	8
" 28,	George K. Frost* (Co. F, 2d Mass. Reg't Inf.),	67	7	18
Apr. 6,	Harvey S. Cook,	47	11	16

May 4,	Lydia C. Curtis,	84	3	15
July 23,	Moses D. Wilkins (Co. F, 2d Mass. Reg't Inf., and Co. G, 13th Vet. Res. Corps),	68	11	1
Aug. 4,	John H. Plaisted,*	84	3	2
" 13,	Frederick A. Williams,*		4	3
" 31,	James Bartlett,	67?		
" 31,	Harrold Thompson,		2	2
" 31,	Henry Hobbs,*	47	4	27
Sept. 6,	Elizabeth J. Prescott,*	36	5	14
Oct. 2,	Augusta Dodge,	88	7	11
" 3,	E. Lyman Wilkins,†	60	4	14
" 11,	Anglinia Gould,	90	7	27
Nov. 2,	Augustus R. Hutchinson,	73	8	11
Dec. 25,	Kenney Sargent (accidentally drowned skating on Longham basin),	7	8	14

* Brought to Wenham for interment.
† Removed for interment elsewhere.

DOGS.

One hundred and two dogs—ninety-five males and seven females—were licensed; and from the amount received therefor, the sum of two hundred and four dollars and sixty cents was paid into the county treasury.

The sum refunded to the town treasury was one hundred and sixty-five dollars and seventy three cents.

WELLINGTON POOL, Town Clerk.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

ESSEX, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham in said County. GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Wenham, on Monday, the fourth day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2. To act on the annual report of the Selectmen and School Committee and the Trustees of the Public Library and other town officers.

3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriations for the same and determine the manner of collecting.

5. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, said loan or loans to be paid from the taxes of the current year.

6. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

7. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for expenses of Memorial Day, under the direction of the Sailors and Soldiers of Wenham.

8. To see if the town will raise a sufficient sum of money to pay the state and military aid for the ensuing year.

9. To see what action the town will take in regard to truant scholars.

10. To see if the town will take any action in relation to a hearse, and also in relation to removing the hearse-house to another location within the cemetery and raise money for the same, or act anything thereon, by request of Wellington Pool.

11. To see if the town will appropriate a sum sufficient to place a marker of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at the grave of each revolutionary soldier or sailor buried in this town, the expense not to exceed one dollar each, by request of R. F. Dodge.

12. To see if the town will vote to raise a sufficient sum of money to pay the car fare of all children attending any Normal, or High School, in Essex County, by request of William E. Hadlock and others.

13. To hear the report of the committee on Hobbs' Hill, and act thereon.

14. To see what action the town will take in regard to printing the valuation as required by the town by-laws.

15. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The ballot shall be "Yes" or "No."

16. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town House, one at the Baptist Meeting House, one at A. D. & W. F. Trowt's store, one at the chapel at Mapleville, and at the eastern part at John K. Dodge's, in said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this sixteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

JOHN GENTLEE,
JAS. H. PERKINS,
NATH'L P. PERKINS,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1894.

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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee of Wenham submit to the town the following report, as required by the Statute of the Commonwealth.

It is with feelings of more than ordinary satisfaction that we present this report to you—not because we have reached the acme of our expectations, or have attained to that point in progress to which we have aspired; but because we can, without fear of contradiction, say that progress has been made and that, as a whole, the public schools of the town are further advanced than they were at the time of our last report.

Until the present season it has been the custom for the school year to close in March, in season for the committee to make returns of printed and statistical reports required by the Statute, to the "Secretary of the State Board of Education, on or before the thirtieth day of April," in each year. At the annual town meeting held March 5, 1894, the following vote relating to the close of the school year, etc., was passed. "*Voted*—that the school year close on the thirty-first day of December—and that the school committee have their annual report printed and distributed before the annual town meeting."

By reference to the usual time for the close of the school year and the above vote of the town, it will be seen that the present report will cover the time only from the second day of April, the time of the commencement of the spring term of the schools, to the thirty-first day of December, 1894; or the spring and fall terms, including four weöks of the winter term, during which time, there have been held no public examinations; these will occur, until otherwise ordered by the

town, at the close of the winter term of the several schools. This report, therefore, including as it does only about two-thirds of the school time of former reports, will necessarily be brief in its detailed account of each school, as compared with the report of previous years.

The Committee received and paid out for the maintenance of the public schools, as follows :—

Town appropriation,	$1,400.00
State school fund,	296.72
Dog tax,	165.73
	$1,862.45
Paid for teaching,	$1,537.50
" fuel,	122.50
" care of rooms and building fires,	80.18
	$1,740.18
Paid for books, stationery and school room supplies,	$109.15

Number of persons in town on the first day of May, 1894, between five and fifteen years of age, 144.

Number of public schools, 5.

Number of different pupils of all ages, in the public schools during the year, 130.

Number attending during the year over fifteen years of age, 4.

Average membership of all the schools, 110.3.

Average attendance in all the public schools during the year, 101.6.

The per cent of attendance based upon the average membership, 92.3.

No marked changes have occurred in the regular daily work of our schools during the year. Our educational system has become so established, that its onward course, though not ostentatious or fast, is substantial and steady. Our teachers,

as a class, have devoted themselves in unremitting efforts to the interests of the schools, and have justly deserved the kind sympathies and generous co-öperation of our citizens in their important and faithful labors.

There has been no change made in our list of text books. "Potter's New Elementary Geography" has been given to a class beginning the study, in the primary school, for the purpose of testing its merits as a text book, by actual use in the school room, and a copy of the teacher's edition of the advanced work, by the same author, has been placed upon the teacher's desk, for examination and use, at the Neck, Grammar and West School, with the same object in view; and the testimony of the teachers is, that they are very much superior as text books, to those now in use in our schools. It is more than probable that a change in geographies will be made at the commencement of the spring term.

The school buildings generally are in good repair. They have required but very little done to them during the year, with the exception of the school house at the Neck and the one in the West District, the roofs of which have been covered with a preparation, known as "Fire and Water Proof Coating," for the purpose of preserving the shingles and making the roofs tight.

The five maps, to which allusion was made in the last report, have been suitably framed and placed in the schools, one in each room. The committee take pleasure in acknowledging the donation—from Hon. Wm. Cogswell, M.C.—of two large maps of the United States of the edition of 1893, which, when properly mounted, will be placed in the school rooms.

The following Act, from the Acts and Resolves of 1894, is copied into this report, for the benefit of those who may desire to send their children to a school of higher grade, than the town now furnishes and who may not have in their possession the law touching that matter.

CHAPTER 436. An Act relative to the payment of tuition, etc.

SECTION 1. Any town, in which a high school or school of corresponding grade is not maintained, shall pay for the tuition of any child, who

with the parent or guardian resides in said town and who attends the high school of another town or city, provided the parent or guardian of such child, before such attendance, obtains the approval of the school committee of the town in which the child and parent or guardian reside.

Secion 2. If any town, in which a high school or school of corresponding grade is not maintained, neglects or refuses to pay for tuition as provided in the precedding Section, such town shall be liable therefor to the parent or guardian of the child furnished with such tuition, if the parent or guardian has paid the same, or to the town or city furnishing the same, in an action of contract.

Section 3. No member of the school committee of a town, in which a high school or school of corresponding grade is not maintained, shall refuse to approve the attendance of any child in the high school of another town or city, charging a reasonable amount for tuition, if such child is properly qualified to enter such high school, unless said town is prepared to furnish such child proper instruction in its own schools in the studies usually taught in a high school. If the school committee of such town unreasonably refuse to grant such approval, such town, shall be liable for the tuition of such child in the same manner and to the same extent as if the parent or guardian of such child had obtained the approval of the school committee.

Section 4. Any town in which a high school or school of corresponding grade is not maintained, but affording high school instruction by sending pupils to other towns, may pay the necessary transportation expenses of such pupils.

Since the passage of theforegoing Act, several pupils belonging to oru public schools have availed themselves of this provision. The law we think a wise one, and if those who seek to take advantage of its provision, are careful to employ fully, not only with the letter but with the spirit of the law, then they have placed within their possession a gift of inestimable worth, considered in relation to their intellectual development and acquirements.

And just here, the committee would call the attention of all those pupils, who may desire to avail themselves of the privileges furnished by the law of the State, to the importance and *necessity* of a thorough preparation in all of the preparatory studies; this is absolutely essential to the successful prosecution of the work to be done in the more advanced studies of a high school. The committee would further say that,

unless pupils are well prepared, in the judgment of their teachers, both by intellectual cultivation and studious habits of study, to take up and carry on successfully the studies of a high school, the approval of the committee will have to be withheld. This statement is made, in order that there may be no misunderstanding in the matter; and also that the town may not be called upon to pay tuition for pupils, who may have been permitted to enter, but either from want of proper preparation or want of interest and application, or both, failed to carry the work satisfactorily, to the school authorities, and hence are given an indefinite leave of absence. Such a course, on the part of the school board, will be no interference to any pupil really desiring to enter a high school and do high school work, but will protect the town in cases above referred to.

EAST SCHOOL.

At the commencement of the year, Miss Mary E. Dodge, of Hamilton, was appointed teacher of this school. Though it was her first experience in teaching she has been quite successful. The school was in a good condition when she commenced her labors; a good foundation had been laid, and on that foundation she continued to rear and improve the superstructure. Her efforts to sustain the preceding rank of the school were persistent and untiring. Earnest and enthusiastic herself, she infused some of the same spirit into her pupils, leaving her impress—as every teacher must, either for good or ill—on the impressible minds of her pupils. As a legitimate consequence, the school, when visited, was found in fair working condition, the order and mental progress creditable alike to teacher and pupils.

The fault of some of the pupils of reading too fast, referred to in a former report, though somewhat improved has not been wholly corrected. Much work has been done and well done, in geography, history, arithmetic and physiology. The work in grammar has been put to the practical test of original composition and letter writing with encouraging results as to

proficiency. In algebra, somewhat difficult theorems and problems were readily solved; while in physical geography the more important principles were enunciated and explained in a manner which showed a clear understanding of the subject under consideration. Writing and drawing received their appropriate share of attention. Reading and spelling in connection with the foregoing studies, constituted the daily routine work of this school.

The daily attendance has been excellent, and in this particular the school ranks the highest in town, the per cent. of attendance for the year being 97.1, a credit to parents, teacher and pupils for their united interest and efforts in securing such a result.

Not absent during the summer term—Nellie Preston. Fall term—Fanny Wyatt, Clara Williams and Addie Williams. During the year—Lizzie Williams and Lizzie Preston.

NECK SCHOOL.

The work accomplished in this school the previous year by its teacher and the progress made by the pupils in their individual branches of study, fully warranted the committee in re-engaging Miss Fanny B. Williams. She entered upon her second engagement April 2d. In visiting the school, the advantages of the teacher's previous familiar knowledge of her pupils and a thorough understanding of the requirements of the school were at once manifest, from the way in which teacher and pupils entered upon their school work. While inspecting the condition of the school, it was very apparent that the teacher was not content with her past success, but that improvement was her password, believing that improvement implies untiring assiduity. Industry, energy and efficiency were noticeable features of the teacher. The instruction in all of the branches taught was thorough and well adapted to develop and mature the reasoning faculties. The condition of the school both as to government and instruction

during the summer term was highly satisfactory. At the close of the year Miss Williams, wishing to pursue her studies with the view of fitting herself for more extended work, resigned, and is now a student in the Seminary at Northfield.

The vacancy was filled by Miss Winnifred Munroe, of North Reading, who is a young woman of some experience as a teacher, a good scholar and an excellent disciplinarian and who possesses the ability to impart instruction in a clear, intelligent and concise manner, adapting her language and illustrations to the capacity of her pupils. The inspection of the school at the beginning of the term revealed the fact that Miss Munroe was "mistress of the position," and everything was done systematically and promptly.

The pupils very soon learned that the teacher's word was law,—a law that must be obeyed to the letter. Her method of instruction is definite, thorough and practical; hesitation and guessing are not permissible. Miss Munroe gives her undivided time and attention to the interests of her school, and labors zealously "in season and out of season" and hence very successfully. The school room is invariably a pattern of neatness and order. The lively interest and attention of the pupils at the time of recitation, together with their promptness and general accuracy are prominent features of the every day work of the school.

The teacher has from time to time required her pupils to pass a written examination, as tests of their thoroughness in the studies pursued. An inspection of these examination papers by the committee, reveals the fact that the work done in the school is not superficial, but *thorough* and *progressive*.

The supervision of this school is a work of pleasure, in consequence of the evidence furnished from time to time—by the thorough preparation on the part of the pupils and the very exhaustive manner of conducting the recitations by the teacher—of the progressive development of the mental powers of the children intrusted to the care, direction and discipline of Miss Munroe. The school, in charge of its present teacher, has proved a grand success, the truth of

which can be verified by a personal inspection of its every-day work.

Per cent. of daily attendance for the year, 92.5

Not absent during the summer term—Fred A. Prince and Roy E. Young. Fall term—Lucy F. Cole, Jennie M. Lovett and Amy S. Lovett. During the year—Lawrence G. Dodge.

CENTRE PRIMARY.

This school was again placed under the care of Miss Bertha M. Durgin, who, for several years, has labored faithfully and successfully in this department of our school work. Conscious of the responsibility resting upon those who direct and unfold the tender minds of early childhood, at a time when impressions are made which the hand of time effaces last, she labored with zeal to make the school satisfactory, not only to herself but to those having its general supervision and also to the parents whose children had been placed under her care and instruction. In this she has been quite successful. The large number of quite young pupils made the teacher's task a difficult one, rendering the employment of various expedients necessary to interest, to awaken thought, and stimulate exertion.

While reading and spelling constitute the regular exercises for the younger portion of the school, Miss Durgin varies the routine work of school labor, by a liberal share of oral instruction, in which the little ones are much interested and correspondingly benefited. The class of beginners in the primary geography has manifested much interest and made good progress in the study. Mental arithmetic and the class in the fundamental rules of written arithmetic show marked improvement, as to thoroughness, when compared with the results of previous years. Variety in the exercises of the school is secured by the introduction of object lessons, which add materially to the general interest. A visit to this school room with a view to make one's self acquainted with the daily

routine work of the school, cannot fail to impress the visitor that the teacher's office is no sinecure.

Per cent. of daily attendance through the year, 92.

Not absent during the summer term — Mary Hooper and Roland Dudley. During the year — Edith Alley, Laura Goodridge and Freddie Killam.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Mrs. Grace R. Gould was retained in this department of our school work, and the good results of such continued services are apparent through the school year, adding still another illustration of the propriety and wisdom of retaining a *good* teacher as long as possible.

It is apparent to the careful and critical observer of the work done in this department, that the instruction is well adapted to the evolution of thought and gives to the mind vigor and power. This is especially evident during the class drill of the recitations. The increased attention given to the study of grammar — noticed in the last report of this school — is believed to have improved with the lapse of time, resulting in a very decided progress, as shown by the readiness of the pupils to apply the rules and principles of grammar practically to original written composition and letter correspondence.

Mrs. Gould wisely makes the study of mental arithmetic prominent in the arithmetical work of the school room. The study is carried on in connection with that of written arithmetic and the results realized cannot be too highly commended. A pupil well disciplined in mental, will seldom find much difficulty in written arithmetic. No one study was slighted in favor of another, each receiving its appropriate share of time and attention, both by pupils and teacher. Mrs. Gould requires her pupils to pass a written examination in all their studies twice during the summer and twice during the fall term. Such examinations as tests of the pupils' thoroughness and proficiency in their studies are very

highly approved by those having the supervision of the schools.

We should be glad to give the questions used in these examinations and the standing of each pupil in each of his or her studies; but as space will not permit, we will only give the highest per cent. of any pupil in the study named and the lowest per cent. of any pupil in the same study and class, with the average per cent. of the whole class.

Class which left at the close of the summer term:

STUDIES.	HIGHEST PER CENT.	LOWEST PER CENT.	AVERAGE FOR THE CLASS.
Arithmetic,	95.5	51	79.5
Spelling,	98	74	88.8
Grammar,	98.5	83.2	92.5
Geography,	97	79.5	88.5
History,	91	53	80.7
Physiology,	99	72	91.5
	FIRST CLASS.		
Arithmetic,	97	64	81.9
Spelling,	94.8	72	80
Grammar,	97.3	54.8	81.7
Geography,	94.5	74	86.5
History,	86.8	69.3	77.2
Algebra,	99	61	89.2
	SECOND CLASS.		
Arithmetic,	97	40	78.9
Spelling,	97	41.3	84.1
Grammar,	95.5	55	86.1
Geography,	96.3	76.5	85.7
History,	97.5	83	90.5

The above figures tell their own story in regard to the work in the grammar school room.

The quality of the instruction in all of the branches

taught was excellent, and the ground covered by the year's work all that could be reasonably expected. System, order, method and thoroughness were characteristic features. In the written operations upon the blackboards, the pupils exhibited a care, neatness and taste, deserving of special commendation. In brief, the condition of the school through the year, including its government and instruction was such as to merit and receive the unqualified approval of your committee.

Per cent. of daily attendance through the year, 92.5.

Not absent during the summer term — Grace G. McQueenny, Edith B. Dudley, Ethel M. Batchelder and Phebe A. Standley. Fall term — Grace G. McQueenny, Edith B. Dudley, Ethel M. Batchelder and Frank P. Butman. During the year — Arthur Ward, Joie Plaisted and Ethel M. Hall.

WEST SCHOOL.

This school was under the care of Miss Annie E. Gillingham of Danvers, who, though having some experience in teaching as an assistant in the schools of her native town, now for the first time undertook the responsibility of the school room. In visiting the school soon after the beginning of the term, it was found in fair working condition. The teacher had familiarized herself with the wants and requirements of her pupils and systematized the work to be done. The impression made during our first visit was that good results might reasonably be expected from the combined efforts of teacher and pupils. On becoming more familiar with the regular exercises of the school, the manner in which they were performed, it was pleasing to notice the evidences of a general interest manifested by the teacher and the taught. The training to which the classes were subjected in the recitations furnished evidence that the teacher possessed the ability to impart instruction in a manner to fix the attention and produce a lasting impression. More of a

general disposition to "push school requirements," more vivacity on the part of the teacher and more life and enthusiasm on the part of the pupils, would have improved the general appearance of the school and added to the interest of the recitations.

Soon after the close of the summer term Miss Gillingham resigned and Miss Florence Carleton, of Danvers, was appointed to fill the vacancy. Miss Carleton is a woman of marked ability, an excellent disciplinarian, and succeeded in gaining the love and respect of those committed to her care.

The inspection of the school and the teacher's method of instruction made it obvious that her object was not to see how fast or how far her pupils could advance, but to have them do thoroughly what they did, whether little or much. The instruction of the pupils in written arithmetic, upon the principles and explanations of all their blackboard work, was very clear and thorough. This was especially noticeable in the recitations of the first class in arithmetic, which were marked by great freedom and exactness in giving rules and reasons for every process; test examples were wrought upon the blackboard with neatness and dispatch. Whenever examined by the committee the lower classes appeared very much at home in the studies to which their time and attention had been devoted. The atmosphere of the school whenever visited was invariably such as to indicate that pleasant and cordial relations existed between teacher and scholars. The earnest and generous coöperation of parents and pupils with the teacher in her efforts to make the school a success, produced the most satisfactory results. The committee, therefore, take pleasure in stating that the school, while under the care of Miss Carleton, was a success. The teacher is deserving of commendation for her well directed efforts and the scholars for their coöperation and general industry.

Per cent. of daily attendance for the year, 87.4.

Not absent during the fall term — Arthur Cook and Willie

Cook. During the year — Sidney Cook and George Hodgdon.

IN CONCLUSION.

In closing this report we would say that an examination of the school registers, for the purpose of knowing who have visited the schools during the past year, showed the visits of parents few and far between. We deem it proper, therefore, to suggest here that we think parents sadly neglect a duty in not more frequently visiting the schools. The coöperation of parents with teachers and committee is absolutely necessary in securing the highest state of usefulness of our school system. They should labor to bring their children under its influence. The great educational privileges which our children enjoy do not propose to furnish those with learning who make no effort. An inspection of our school registers shows that some of our pupils have been *very irregular* in their attendance. There is no highway to knowledge over which our children can glide with such velocity as to acquire all that is desirable by spending the smallest possible part of their time in the school room. The greater the privileges, the more apparent the duty. The discipline, also, of our schools, can be rendered much more efficient by the assent and support of the parents, by some degree of confidence in the teacher, which may as easily be gained by visiting the schools as in any other way.

The herdsman would not turn his cattle upon the hills without carefully heeding the injunction of the Wise Man — "Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds." Of how much more importance the guardianship of your children.

FRANCIS M. DODGE,
ELBRIDGE PORTER,
WILLIAM B. MORGAN,
} School Committee of Wenham.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of the Public Library,

FEBRUARY 1, 1895.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Wenham:

As this is the first appearance of the report of the Trustees of the Public Library in printed form, it is thought that a brief account of its origin and development will not be out of place.

In the autumn of 1857, a select company of gentlemen and ladies of Wenham formed a society for the purpose (as the record states) of "promoting kindly feeling, social intercourse, and mutual improvement," which they called the "Social Circle." This society had a small initiatory fee, and besides took up a small fee at each of its meetings, which were held at the houses of the members. With the funds thus obtained, books were purchased, which were exchanged among the members of the Circle at its regular meetings, W. P. Conant acting as librarian.

As the fees were small, and the accumulation of books rather slow, it was thought best to reorganize the Circle on a new basis, which was accordingly done, and a new society formed, to which the books were transferred, and of which the members of the Circle were ex-officio members. Any others who desired, were permitted to join on payment of an initiatory fee of one dollar. A considerable number of new members were soon added, and the society proceeded to organize under the title of the Wenham Library Association.

The first regular meeting of the Association was held Nov. 16,

1858, at the house of Mr. Joseph Cook. A constitution was adopted, and a committee chosen to prepare a code of by-laws, which was subsequently reported and adopted, and the following list of officers chosen for the ensuing year:

President, Benjamin C. Putnam.
Vice-President, Abbott Johnson.
Secretary and Treasurer, Myron O. Allen.
Librarian, Joseph Cook.
Library Committee, Samuel Porter, Solomon E. Kimball, L. Dodge.

An annual assessment of fifty cents was levied on each member of the Association, for the purpose of maintaining and increasing the library.

What were termed "Reading Members" were allowed the use of the library on payment of an annual fee of fifty cents. These persons had no ownership in the library, and no voice in its administration.

By the courtesy of the Selectmen, the Association was allowed to keep its library in the Town Room, and to hold its meetings there.

During the winter of 1858-9, a course of volunteer lectures was given in aid of the library; also, an entertainment arranged by the members and others, for the same purpose, and several valuable donations of books were received from different individuals. Such were the means of supporting the library, until, at the annual meeting held Oct. 27, 1866, it was voted to increase the initiatory fee from one dollar to two dollars, and the annual assessment and reading members' fees from fifty cents to one dollar. These conditions were adhered to until the library was transferred to the town.

The idea of transferring the library to the town had been talked over several times, but no definite action took place, until, at a meeting held Dec. 16, 1884, it was, after full discussion, unanimously voted by the members present, on motion of Mr. Henry Hobbs, "To give and transfer to the Town of Wenham, the Library belonging to this Association, upon the conditions that the Town shall keep the same for a Free Public Library, and annually make a sufficient appropriation to maintain and increase the same." The members of the Association who were not present at this

meeting were subsequently seen and their assent obtained. The following is a list of the officers and members at this time :

President, Wellington Pool.
Vice-President, William E. Porter.
Secretary and Treasurer, Elbridge Porter.
Librarian, Henry A. Cook.
Library Committee, George Howe, N. Porter Perkins, James H. Perkins, Jr.
Charles E. Beard, Benj. H. Conant, Albert Dodge, John I. Durgin, Henry Hobbs, Mrs. Angelina Gould, Mrs. Sophronia A. Gould, Miss Emma Perkins, Miss Frances B. Kimball, Mrs. Huldah K. Tarr, and Mrs. Carrie D. Trowt.

The library at this time contained about seven hundred volumes. Accordingly at the next annual town meeting, held March 2, 1885, the matter was brought before the town, and the gift accepted on the terms proposed by the Library Association.

A committee of five members was chosen to take full charge of the library, and one hundred dollars appropriated for its maintenance for the ensuing year. The committee, consisting of Abbott Johnson, Rev. John C. Mitchell, Elbridge Porter, Henry A. Cook, and Everett K. Day, organized by choice of Abbott Johnson as Chairman, and Everett K. Day as Secretary. New rules for taking out books were drawn up, a new catalogue prepared and printed, and the library opened to the public May 9, 1885.

It immediately became very popular with the people, and the first annual report shows that 176 individuals had taken out books, and that 1756 volumes had been circulated.

Soon after its acceptance by the town, the library was removed from the Selectmen's Room to the room which it now occupies, and which was formerly used by the Wenham Select School as a recitation room. The library remained in charge of a committee chosen annually, until 1893, when, in order to secure the benefit of Chap. 255 of the Acts of the General Court of 1892 (which authorized the Mass. Free Library Commission to expend the sum of one hundred dollars for books for the public library in towns where the valuation did not exceed six hundred thousand dollars), certain specified acts relating to public libraries were accepted by

the town, and three trustees for terms of one, two and three years chosen to take charge of the library, as follows :—

For three years—Benj. H. Conant.
For two years—Elbridge Porter.
For one year—John G. Roundy.

A committee of three, viz., Rev. Arthur N. Ward, Henry A. Moulton and Frank H. Tarr were also chosen to assist in conducting the work of the library. As a result of this action by the town, the library received from the State of Massachusetts, a gift of one hundred and fifty-eight volumes. In addition to this, the citizens of Beverly presented the library with fifty volumes, in friendly remembrance of the 250th anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Wenham, which was observed May 10th of that year. Also, about the same time Mr. Charles Baker and Mr. Wellington Pool presented the library with quite a collection of old books and pamphlets.

These valuable additions, comprising books suited to all classes of readers, have been highly appreciated by the patrons of the library.

Up to this time (1893) no attempt had been made to classify the books, and they had accumulated to such an extent, that, under the shelving arrangement then in vogue (which answered very well when the library was smaller), it became quite a task to find any book which might be called for. Consequently it was determined to rearrange the library on an entirely different basis. The books were classified into eight divisions: History, Biography, Travels and Descriptive works, Scientific works, Poetry, Theology, Essays and Miscellaneous works, and Fiction. New regulations were adopted, and a new catalogue compilhd and printed. This catalogue included all books in the library July 1, 1893, except U. S. and State Public Documents, miscellaneous pamphlets, etc., a complete catalogue of which is in course of preparation.

In order partially to pay the expense of printing, the catalogues were sold to those desiring them at twenty-five cents each. A system of giving out books by card was also adopted at this time, which has proved very satisfactory.

At the annual town meeting held March 5, 1894, it was voted, to supply each family taking books from the library, with *one* copy of the catalogue, free; additional copies, if wanted, to be paid for at

the same price as heretofore. It was also voted to refund the money to such persons as had previously purchased copies of the catalogue.

In accordance with this vote, 120 copies of the catalogue have been distributed (including those in use at the library room).

$11.50 was received from the town with which to re-purchase the forty-six catalogues previously sold. Of this sum, $7.75 has been paid out, leaving a balance of $3.75 as yet uncalled for.

The arrangement which was introduced in 1893, of placing the library in charge of three trustees, assisted by a committee of three, not proving wholly satisfactory, the office of Library Committee was abolished, the Board of Trustees increased from three members to six, and the following gentlemen chosen to complete the board:

For three years—Henry A. Moulton and Frank H. Tarr.

For two years—William E. Hadlock, and for one year, Rev. Arthur N. Ward, making the full board as follows:—

Benjamin H. Conant,	Elected	1893,	Term expires		1896.
Elbridge Porter,	"	1893,	"	"	1895.
Arthur N. Ward,	"	1894,	"	"	1895.
William E. Hadlock,	"	1894,	"	"	1896.
Henry A. Moulton,	"	1894,	"	"	1897.
Frank H. Tarr,	"	1894,	"	"	1897.

The full Board of Trustees organized by choice of Elbridge Porter as Chairman, Benj. H. Conant, Secretary and Treasurer, Henry A. Moulton, Librarian, and Frank H. Tarr, Assistant Librarian.

The library was opened for delivery of books March 14th, and has been open every Wednesday evening since that time, except July 4th, and during the month of August, which we thought would be a more convenient time to call in the books for examination than during the winter. The examination showed that a good many of the books were considerably worn from constant use. Twenty-two volumes were rebound, and a large number repaired as well as we could do it ourselves.

The coming year a much larger number will either have to be rebound, replaced by new copies, or withdrawn from the library.

In accordance with the vote of the town, a branch of the library has been established at the east part of the town which has been

well patronized, twenty-nine cards having been issued to the people of that section, and two hundred and twenty volumes circulated.

We have been pleased to notice quite an improvement in the kind of reading matter called for during the past year, especially among the boys, several of them frequently calling for books of history, biography, and especially travels, where previously we could not get them to look at anything except mere stories, chiefly of the Wild West order. This is an encouraging sign, and shows that the public library is accomplishing one of the purposes for which it exists,—that of elevating the taste for better reading.

The statistics of this year show an improvement over the previous year in this respect, last year only 16 per cent. of the books drawn being from the classes other than fiction, while this year it is nearly 20 per cent. If more of the readers would take the trouble to look at the other than fiction departments of the catalogue, we feel quite sure they would find these books fully as interesting, and certainly more instructive and profitable.

There is one function of the public library which has until quite recently been almost entirely neglected, viz., the collection and preservation for future reference, of all sorts of matter that goes to make up the history of the town, or in any way reflects the manners and customs of the people; such as newspaper accounts of passing events, biographical, historical, and geographical notes of local interest, etc., etc

If some such plan had been adopted when the old library association was first organized, before the war, and continued to the present time, we should now be in possession of a considerable fund of valuable information and reminiscence which is at the present time, in a great measure, past recovery.

During the past year, it has been the custom of the secretary of the trustees to secure, for this purpose, everything of this kind which came under his notice, both past and present. Any one having material of this kind with which they are willing to part, may rest assured that if it is deposited in the public library, it will be taken care of.

Books, magazines, sermons and other pamphlets or papers published in town, or by citizens of the town are solicited; in short, anything and everything bearing on the history or customs of the town can be used in this connection.

The thanks of the trustees are extended to Peter H. Hadlock,

for another year of faithful service as assistant in delivering books.

The following statistics will show the growth, classification and use of the library for the year ending Jan. 31, 1895:

CIRCULATION.

March 14, 1894 to Jan. 31, 1895.

Evenings the library was open,	41
Volumes loaned,	3,865
Volumes renewed,	252
Average weekly delivery,	94
Largest weekly delivery (July 11),	146
Smallest weekly delivery (July 18),	63
Volumes lost,	0
Volumes worn out and replaced,	3
Volumes worn out and withdrawn,	6
Total number of names registered,	281
Number of persons taking books during the year,	259

CLASSIFICATION AND USE.

	Volumes catalogued Mar. 1, '94.	Volumes added.	Volumes withdrawn.	Volumes catalogued Jan. 31, '95.	Volumes issued.	Per cent. of circulation.
History,	185	14	0	199	247	
Biography,	158	16	0	174	90	
Travels and Descriptive,	140	6	0	146.	226	
Science and Agriculture,	90	11	0	101	47	19.41
Poetry,	38	0	0	38	13	
Religion,	40	0	0	40	11	
Essays and Miscellaneous,	103	8	0	111	116	
Fiction.	896	52	6	942	3,115	80.59
Totals,	1,650	107	6	1,751	3,865	100.00

ACCESSIONS.

	Catalogued.	Not catalogued.
Volumes in library March 1, 1894,	1,650	425
Volumes added by purchase,	98	2
Volumes added by gift,	7	29
Bound magazines,	2	
	1,757	
Withdrawn,	6	
Volumes in library Jan. 31, 1895,	1,751	456

Pamphlets " " " " not catalogued, about 220.

Donations to the library for the year ending Jan. 31, 1895.

	Bound Volumes.	Pamphlets.	Periodicals.
Baker, Charles,	2		
Cogswell, William	4	2	
Congregational Church, Wenham,		2	
Dodge, Thomas H., Worcester, Mass.,	1	2	
Enon Fire Association,			2 Vols.
Home Club, Boston,		2	
Marsh, George,	1		
Mass. Public Documents of,	12		
Mass. Secretary of Commonwealth,	11	1	
Perkins, N. Porter,	1		
Pool, Wellington,	1	2	
Public Reservations, trustees of,		1	
Salem Public Library,		2	
Smithsonian Institution,	2		
Stanton, Fred P.	1		
Ward, Rev. A. N.,		1	
Wenham and Hamilton Star, Pubs.,			1 sub.
Wenham, Town of,		2	
	36	17	

Also from Arthur Wallis of Beverly odd numbers of the Wenham Beacon and Times to complete our file of that paper to March 7, 1894.

Statement showing the various sums which have been appropriated by the town, for the maintenance of its Public Library, during the last ten years.

1885	$100.00	1890	$100.00
1886	150 00	1891	100.00
1887	100 00	1892	125.00
1888	150.00	1893	150.00
1889	100.00	1894	150.00

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT TO JAN. 31, 1895.

Town appropriation March 1894,	$150.00
Received from Fines,	6.35
" for cards,	.70
	$157.05

EXPENDITURES.

DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	$103.30		
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn,	2.80		
Expressing,	.85		
Expense of trustees to Boston,	5.15		
Salem Press, rebinding 22 Vols.	5.50		
" " binding 2 Vols. magazines,	2.50		
" " printing cards and bookplates,	12.75		
E. W. Fairfield, librarian's record,	.50		
Other incidentals,	1.13	=	$134.48
Balance Jan. 31, 1895,			$22.57

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELBRIDGE PORTER, Chairman.
BENJ. H. CONANT, Secretary.
HENRY A. MOULTON.
FRANK H. TARR.
WILLIAM E. HADLOCK.
ARTHUR N. WARD.

Trustees Wenham Public Library.

TOWN OF WENHAM.

Annual Reports,

1895-6.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 14, 1896.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1895,

AND THE

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

PRINTED BY AYLWARD & HUNTRESS,
The Salem Press.
4 CENTRAL ST., SALEM, MASS.
1896.

REPORT.

Town Officers for year 1895-96.

Moderator, Abbott Johnson.

Town Clerk, Wellington Pool.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, and Fence Viewers, N. P. Perkins, James H. Perkins, R. F. Dodge.*

Town Treasurer, Wm. F. Trowt.

Collector of Taxes, James H. Perkins, Jr.

Auditor, Horace E. Durgin.

School Committee, Francis M. Dodge, 1896; Wm. B. Morgan, 1897; Elbridge Porter, 1898.

Constables and Special Police, Herbert W. Porter, Chas. H. McQueeney, Chester S. Cook.

Commissioners of Cemeteries, F. H. Tarr, 1896; Jas. H. Perkins, 1897; Wm. F. Trowt, 1898.

Trustees of Public Library, B. H. Conant, 1896; Wm. E. Hadlock, 1896; H. A. Moulton, 1897; F. H. Tarr, 1897; Arthur N. Ward, 1898; Elbridge Porter, 1898.

Board of Health, Frank H. Tarr, 1896; Chester S. Cook, 1897; Henry A. Prince, 1898.

Surveyors of Highways, Ward One, Addison Williams; Ward Two, Chas. T. Brown; Ward Three, Charles Wilkins; Ward Four, W. P. Dodge; Ward Five, F. R. Harper; Ward Six, D. A. Homan; Ward Seven, Chester S. Cook; Ward Eight, E. L. Kimball; Ward Nine, J. R. Sargent.

* Chosen at special meeting April 27, to fill vacancy caused by death of John Gentlee.

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood, John K. Dodge, R. F. Dodge, Isaac Porter, James H. Perkins, L. W Batchelder.

Field Drivers, H. A. Prince, S. P. Burnham, D. A. Homan, W. S. Cummings.

Town Weighers, Wm. F. Trowt, John K. Dodge, Wm P. Dodge.

Firewards and Forest Firewards, Fred. P. Stanton, Elbridge Porter, Chas. W. Patch.

Pound Keeper, H. H. Dempsey.

Keeper of Lockup and Tramps, Henry Hobbs.

Inspector of Cattle and Provisions, Henry Alley.

School Department.

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid Mary E. Dodge, teaching balance of winter term, 1895,	$88.00
Mary E. Dodge, teaching spring term, 1895,	90.00
" " " fall " "	96.00
" " " winter term, 1 week, 1895,	8.00
L. D. Preston, care of room and fires,	10.00
John K. Dodge, wood,	18.00
Total,	$310.00

NECK SCHOOL.

Paid S. W. Munroe, teaching balance of winter term. 1895,	$45.00
S. W. Munroe, teaching spring term, 4 weeks, 1895,	40 00
A. L. Prince, teaching balance spring term, 1895,	72.00
L. Grace Johnson, teaching fall term 1895,	96.00

Paid L. Grace Johnson, teaching winter term, seven weeks, 1895–96,	61.00
S. C. Prince, care of room and fires,	12.00
Charles Wilkins, wood,	18.00
Total,	$344.00

CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid Grace H. Gould, teaching balance winter term 1894–95,	$90.00
Grace H. Gould, teaching spring term, 1895,	120.00
" " " fall " "	110.00
" " cash paid scholars washing room and windows,	5.75
John C. Sauer, coal (8 tons),	36.00
Wellington Pool, care of fires,	15.00
Total,	$376.75

CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Paid Bertha M. Durgin, teaching balance winter term, 1894–95,	$36.00
Bertha M. Durgin, teaching spring term, 1895,	108.00
" " " fall " "	108.00
" " " winter term, eight weeks, 1895–96,	72.00
John C. Sauer, coal,	9.20
Wellington Pool, care of fires,	10.00
" " sweeping room,	9.00
" " cash paid for coal hod, brush, etc.,	1.90
Total,	$354.10

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Florence Carlton, teaching balance winter term, 1894–95,	$36.00
Florence Carlton, teaching spring term, seven weeks, 1895,	63.00

Paid Rose O. Manning, teaching balance spring term, five weeks, 1895,	45.00
Rose O. Manning, teaching fall term, 1895,	108.00
" " " winter term, eight weeks, 1895–96,	72.00
Jas. K. Turnbull, care of room and fires, three terms,	9.99
Wm. B. Morgan, wood,	8.00
John Girdler, coal (2 1-2 tons),	12.50
Total,	$354.49

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Paid D. T. Beaton, funnel, elbow, dampers, etc., East school,	$9.30
Geo. H. Wyatt, supplies East school, from 1880 to 1894,	7.40
E. Porter, labor on school buildings and cash paid,	2.50
Boston School Supply Co., books,	25.18
J. E. Potter & Co., "	48.70
Silver, Burdett & Co., "	5.00
W. D. Nickerson, "	3.34
E. V. Emilio, organ for Grammar school (vote of town),	30.00
W. C. Packard & Co., table and duster, Grammar school,	3.25
Wm. B. Morgan, building coal shed, West school (contract),	29.00
Wm. B. Morgan, labor and stock, West school,	11.08
" " supplies " "	2.15
W. F. Osgood, labor on school buildings, West school,	2.55
J. W. Cass, labor in schoolroom, yard, etc., West school,	5.00
W. H. Merrill, crayons, paper, etc.,	2.85
F. H. Crosby, labor and stock, painting.	6.10
J. E. Ropes & Co., funnel, West school,	.50
Grace H. Gould, cash paid for globe,	25

Paid F. M. Dodge, cash paid for books, supplies, expressing, etc.,	21.80
F. Carlton, supplies, West school,	.40
Total,	$216.35

Highway Department.

WARD ONE.

Paid Addison Williams,	$14.20
John K. Dodge,	13.86
Geo. W. Stillman,	2.40
Benj. F. Burchstead,	8.00
Daniel W. Preston,	15.60
J. W. Higgins,	4.00
Timothy Higgins,	4.00
Philip Morrill,	4.00
Total,	$66.06

WARD TWO.

Paid Chas. T. Brown,	$31.41
W. S. Putnam,	29.88
John T. Gentlee,	30.04
Frank T. Johnson,	23.63
Ephm. Powers,	11.80
Geo. W. Johnson,	16.41
Francis F. Lovett,	5.40
R. F. Dodge, labor and gravel,	13.72
James W. Morgan, labor on drain,	1.80
Sam'l R. Prince, gravel,	8.32
R. F. Dodge, labor,	3.10
Total,	$175.51

WARD THREE.

Paid Charles Wilkins,	$36.24
Ephraim Powers,	3.60
Sam'l R. Prince,	14.95
Zachariah Cole,	19.96

Paid Horace Killam, labor and gravel,	9.81
F. M. Dodge,	3.60
J. W. Moran,	6.75
Total,	$94.91

WARD FOUR.

Paid P. H. Kavanagh,	$8.40
Geo. F. Dodge,	7.61
S. M. Hill,	12.39
Warren Jones,	1.00
D. A. Homan,	1.80
Geo. W. Jones,	1.00
W. P. Dodge,	5.75
Total,	$37.95

WARD FIVE.

Paid Harper & Hill,	$80.32
Elbridge Porter,	25.00
Patrick H. Kavanagh,	23.10
" " gravel,	34.68
Michael Sullivan,	33.86
Jos. L. Batchelder,	20.34
Chas. F. Herrick,	12.60
H. W. Trowt,	12.60
E. E. Soper,	2.80
F. B. Crowell,	5.40
Warren Jones,	1.80
Geo. W. Jones,	1.80
John R. Sargent,	4.98
Charles T. Webber.	3.60
E. K. Batchelder,	3.60
Chas. W. Perkins,	4.98
James H. Perkins,	1.60
Total,	$273.06

WARD SIX.

Paid Warren Jones.	$7.40
Paul M. Barnes,	1.80
E. K. Batchelder,	1.80

Paid Geo. W. Jones,	6.11
Harper & Hill,	13.60
Daniel A. Homan,	7.40
Thos. M. Barnes,	1.68
W. M. Homan,	1.00
Total,	$40.79

WARD SEVEN.

Paid Chester S. Cook,	$37.68
Horace G. Sears,	16.90
Geo. W. Peabody, Jr.,	13.80
James K. Turnbull,	13.00
A. R. Bowden,	5.00
Henry N. Burpee,	8.80
Henry A. Moulton, 2d,	8.00
Everett Standley,	7.79
Edward Morse,	1.00
Stephen Cook,	15.60
Joseph G. Kent,	3.19
Geo. A. Perkins,	9.60
William B. Morgan, gravel,	5.82
Harper & Hill (road machine),	12.94
N. P. Perkins,	15.06
S. S. Cook,	2.00
S. M. Locke,	1.00
E. A. Dodge,	5.86
J. W. L. Moulton,	5.52
John Flint, gravel,	2.22
Total	$190.78

WARD EIGHT.

Paid Edward L. Kimball,	$11.40
Chas. H. Stanton,	6.00
J. Sumner Brown,	12.66
Chas. E. Kimball,	6.00
Chas. E. Kimball, Jr.,	5.00
Joseph Wessel, gravel,	4.16
Total	$45.22

WARD NINE.

Paid John R. Sargent,		$13.68
Daniel E. Homan,		4.00
Geo. Butman,		3.20
Otis A. Clark,		1.40
M. Sullivan,		8.96
P. H. Kavanagh, gravel,		4.44
P. H. Kavanagh, gravel,		2.70
Jeremiah Kavanagh,		2.40
Total,		$40.78

Clearing Snow.

Paid Addison Williams,	Ward One,	$1.00
John K. Dodge,	" "	1.50
P. H. Kavanagh,	Ward Five,	16.20
Harper & Hill,	" "	12.60
John Williams,	" "	.70
A. W. Trowt,	" "	.90
Jas. L. Batchelder,	" "	1.70
D. A. Homan,	Ward Six,	.50
Warren Jones,	" "	.50
Geo. W. Jones,	" "	.50
Chester S. Cook,	" "	1.47
Geo. W. Peabody,	" "	.40
Jas. K. Turnbull,	" "	.70
Perly N. Dodge,	" "	.50
E. L. Kimball,	Ward Eight,	2.02
Chas. E. Kimball,	" "	.90
Chas. T. Brown,	Ward Two,	.80
Geo W. Johnson,	" "	.90
F. T. Johnson,	" "	1.00
W. S. Putnam,		.60
Ephraim Powers,		.40
F. S. Lovett,		.90
Daniel A. Homan,	Ward Six,	1.00
G. W. Jones,	" "	.50
Walter Homan,	" "	.50
Total,		48.69

Soldier's Relief.

THOMAS H. CLARK.

Paid for his support, cash in monthly payments,	96.00

GEORGE W. BABCOCK.

Paid Town of Melrose, rent and supplies for 6 mos. ending July 1, 1895,	97.30
Town of Melrose, rent and supplies for 6 mos. ending Jan. 1, 1896,	94.00
	$191.30

Poor Department.

A. HUTCHINSON.

Paid Lee & Creesey, funeral expenses,	$19.00

IVORY DAY.

Paid H. P. Woodbury, supplies from Jan. 1, 1895 to March 13,	37.41
Geo. H. Wyatt, supplies. from March 13, 1895 to Jan. 29, 1896,	142.57
	$179.98

FAMILY OF RICHARD BURNHAM.

Paid Town of Danvers, supplies,	$33.00
Lore & Russell, coal and wood,	18.25
" " " " " "	5.75
	$57.00

FAMILY OF CHAS. H. PIERCE.

Paid City of Beverly, supplies from Jan. 1, 1895 to Jan 1, 1896,	$72.00

MRS. FRANK TARRIO.

Paid City of Salem, supplies,	$20.00

FAMILY OF HARRY WILLIAMS.

Paid Town of Hingham, rent and supplies from Jan. 1, 1895 to Jan. 1, 1896,	$103.25

Incidentals.

Paid P. H. Kavanagh, labor on snow fence,	$5.00
" " " " hay scales,	.67
" " " " removing ashes,	1.25
" " " Pond Hill fence and Hobb's drain,	6.00
Aylward & Huntress, printing Town Reports,	55.75
B. H. Conant, care of town clock,	20.00
H. D. Stillman, conveying library books to East Wenham branch library,	10.00
M. D. Jones & Co., 14 soldier's grave-markers,	14.00
B. & M. R. R. freight on soldier's grave-markers,	.25
W. F. Redlon, lumber, Pingree's Bridge,	6.43
" " " covering drain,	.77
" " " shingling Engine House,	15.75
" " drain pipe,	3.60
Wenham Veteran Association, town appropriation,	25.00
Town of Danvers, 1 year's tuition, High School (N. M. Peabody), Acts of 1894, chap. 436	30.00
M. R. Warren, tax Collector's book,	1.00
J. H. Perkins, cash paid for telegrams,	.75
Village Improvement Society, one-half expense spraying trees,	12.50
E. C. Hall, painting signs (Board of Health),	1.50
Allen Job Printing Co., printing list of voters,	6.50
Geo. W. Jones, removing brush from highway, etc.,	1.50
H. E. Durgin, labor on hearse, iron fence, etc.,	1.90
Ed. E. Soper, trimming shade trees,	2.70
Geo. A. Herron, " " "	4.00
S. M. Hill, hauling drain pipe,	1.50
Geo. W. Peabody, for land taken into highway (Cor. Maple & Burley Sts.),	16.00
H. W. Porter, labor shingling engine house,	15.13
" " stock furnished " "	8.04
J. M. Parsons, drain pipe;	20.92

Wellington Pool, cash paid repairing lawn mower,	.63
Wellington Pool, cash paid for dog license blanks, book and posters,	1.70
Wellington Pool, oaths to town officers and cemetery deeds,	4.65
Wellington Pool, cash paid for markers for soldier's grave,	1.00
Wellington Pool, cash paid for expressing,	1.70
Harry Brewer, care of street light,	10.00
Wellington Pool, returning 25 deaths as undertaker,	4.50
Wellington Pool, service as undertaker, case of James Mann, 1893,	2.75
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies for street light,	5.71
" " " postage for town officers,	2.39
" " " supplies to firemen, nails for snow fence, etc.,	2.85
City of Beverly, tuition, scholars at Beverly High School (Acts of 1894, Chap. 436),	165.00
Jas. H. Perkins, labor trimming trees on Main St.,	2.50
Lee & Creesey, coffin and services, case of James Mann, 1893,	17.00
Wellington Pool, care of library room,	3.00
Total,	$513.79

Town Hall.

Paid C. P. Osborne, funnel,	$1.60
A. J. Walker, tuning piano,	2.50
John C. Sauer, Coal, 4 tons,	18.00
M. Sullivan, ½ cord wood,	3.00
G. C. Ryerson, setting glass, 1894,	.50
Geo. W. Jones, wood,	7.50
Whitcomb & Carter Co., wire netting,	1.80
Wellington Pool, care of hall and town room, etc.	48.90

Paid A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	7.32
Daniel E. Homan, wood,	4.75
Total,	$95.87

Monument Park.

Paid Henry Hobbs, stock painting fence,	$8.55
" " labor " " 2 coats,	15.00
Wellington Pool, cash paid for fertilizer,	1.85
" " " " A. W. Trowt, lawn mowing,	3.40
Wellington Pool, labor,	7.85
Total,	$36.65

Library.

Paid DeWolf, Fiske & Co., books,	$105.01
Lambert Jackson, binding books,	11.00
B. H. Conant, expense of trustees to Boston to purchase books,	5.00
B. H. Conant, expressing on books,	.90
" " record book,	.75
" " cash paid incidental expenses,	1.53
Total,	$124.19

Fire Department.

Paid Fred. F. Porter, watching fire,	$2.00
" " cleaning hose,	2.00
F. H. Tarr, " "	2.00
John C. Sauer, coal,	14.08
" " "	2.50
Enon Fire Association, forty members,	80.00

Paid M. A. Trowt, watching fire (Geo. W. Dodge's),	2.00
E. E. Soper, " " " "	2.00
F. B. Crowell, " " " "	2.00
A. D. & W. F. Trowt,	7.78
H. E. Durgin, repairs on fire apparatus,	1.45
Total,	$117.81

Town Officers.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Elbridge Porter, services for year ending March, 1895,	$26.00
Elbridge Porter, taking census of school children,	4.00
Francis M. Dodge, services for year ending March, 1895,	57.00
Total,	$87.00

CONSTABLES AND POLICE.

Paid H. H. Dempsy, services, 1893–'94,	$8.00
Charles H. McQueeney, cases Nos. 6206, 6587, 6580, Dist. Court,	9.85
Charles H. McQueeney, serving dog warrant,	5.00
" " posting warrant,	2.50
" " police service,	9.00
Herbert W. Porter, posting warrants,	5.00
" " police service,	6.25
Chester S. Cook, " "	3.00
Total,	$48.60

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Wellington Pool, salary,	$50.00
" " returning vote for representative,	2.00

Paid Wellington Pool, returning births, deaths and marriages,	13.80
Wellington Pool, stationery and postage,	2.76
	$68.56

TREASURER.

Paid Wm. F. Trowt, salary,	$50.00

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Paid Elbridge Porter, collector 1894, salary,	$50.00

SELECTMEN.

Paid John Gentlee, distributing town reports,	$2.00
" " ½ days' service as selectman,	1.00
N. P. Perkins, distributing town reports,	1.00
" " 14 days' service,	28.00
Jas. H. Perkins, distributing town reports,	1.50
" " 14½ days' service,	29.00
" " locating G., E. & B. St. R.R Co.,	5.00
Jas. H. Perkins, journeys out of town,	3.00
R. F. Dodge, 12½ days' service,	25.00
" " locating G., E. & B. St. R. R. Co.,	7.00
R. F. Dodge, journeys out of town,	3.50
N. P. Perkins, correspondence, returns, incidental services out of town, etc.,	10.00
N. P. Perkins, expenses to Boston, before Board of Appeal (Corporation taxes),	2.25
Total,	$118.25

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid R. F. Dodge, service as overseer,	6.00
N. P. Perkins, " " "	6.00
Jas. H. Perkins, " " "	6.00
" " journeys out of town,	1 50
Total,	$19.50

ASSESSORS.

Paid N. P. Perkins, 11 days' service,	$22.00
" " copying town valuation (Chap. 11, Sec. 55, Pub. Stet.),	5.00
J. H. Perkins, 12½ days' service,	25.00
" " copying town valuation,	5.00
R. F. Dodge, 9 days' service,	18.00
Total,	$75.00

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Paid H. H. Dempsy, ballot clerk state election, 1894,	$2.00
H. A. Moulton, teller, state election, 1895,	2.00
Simeon Dodge, jr., ballot clerk state election, 1895,	2.00
Chas. H. Stanton, ballot clerk state election, 1895,	2.00
Total,	$8.00

REGISTRARS.

Paid John Gentlee, 3 sessions, spring, 1895,	$3.00
N. P. Perkins, 7 " " and fall, 1895,	7.00
J. H. Perkins, 7 " " " " "	7.00
Wellington Pool, 10 " " " " "	10.00
" " cash paid for care of Mapleville Chapel,	.50
Wellington Pool, posting registration notices and voting lists,	4.00
R. F. Dodge, 3 sessions as registrar,	3.00
Total,	$34.00

TOWN AUDITOR.

Paid Simeon Dodge, jr., service, March, 1895,	$3.00

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE AND PROVISIONS.

Paid Henry Alley, service inspecting live stock,	$8.00
" " 150 visits to inspect 294 slaughtered cattle and hogs,	123.50
Total,	*$131.50

CARE OF TRAMPS.

Paid Henry Hobbs, care of 668 tramps,	$45.00
" " cash paid for supplies,	6.18
Total,	$51.18

State and Military Aid.

Paid Warren Larrabee, under Act of 1894, Chap. 301,	$48.00
Harriet E. Larrabee, " " " " " "	48.00
Jos. B. Woodman, " " " " " "	48.00
Warren Burpee, " " " " " "	48.00
Elbridge K. Standley, " " " " " "	48.00
Kimball H. Drew, " " " " " "	24.00
Benj. F. Young, " " " " " 279	144.00
Daniel A. Homan, " " " " " "	144.00
	$552.00

Abatement for 1893.

Chas. F. Herrick, poll and personal,	$2.28

Abatements for 1894.

Warren Burpee, one poll,	$2.00
Clarence Evans, " " (not liable),	2.00
Louis E. Goodrich, " " " "	2.00
Jerry Galvin, " " not found,	2.00

* Of this amount $47.50 to be paid by the State.

Chas. F. Herrick,	one poll and personal,	2.29
Chas. H. Homan,	" " (not liable),	2.00
Jeremiah Healy,	" " not found,	2.00
Dennis Healy,	" " " "	2.00
John B. McCullough.	" " (not liable),	2.00
Austin C. Norcross,	" " " "	2.00
Fred. M. Peabody,	" " " "	2.00
Ephraim Powers,	" " not found,	2.00
Charles Greenlaw.	personal,	1.80
Fred. Davis,	one poll, not found,	2.00
Chas. F. Sheldon,	" " " "	2.00
Estate Mary W. Kimball,	too much real,	2.00
Total,		$32.09

Abatements for 1895.

John C. Richards,	too much real,	$ .50
Fred. A. Roundy,	(not liable),	2.00
Chas. A. Tilton,	" "	2.00
Ober and Dodge,	too much real,	.25
Mary R. Henry, exempt by law,		5.00
Hugh Hill, real estate, not liable,		12.75
Total,		$22.50

Summary of Town Expenses.

Schools,	$1,739.34
School incidentals,	216.35
Highway wards,	965.06
Snow bills,	48.69
Soldiers relief,	287.30
Poor department,	451.23
Care of tramps,	51.18
Town house and hall,	95.87
Park and common.	36.65
Fire department,	117.81

Library,	124.19
Incidentals,	513.79
Town officers,	693.91
Abatements, 1893,	2.28
Abatements, 1894,	32.09
Abatements, 1895,	22.50
State and military aid,	552.00
Total.	$5,950.24

Tax Collector's Account.

F. P. Stanton in Account with the Town of Wenham.

To balance due on tax list of 1893,	$14.56
By payments to W. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	12.38
Uncollected taxes,	$ 2.18

Elbridge Porter in Account with the Town of Wenham.

To balance due on tax list of 1894,	$1,376.02
Interest collected on taxes,	37.59
	$1,413.61
By payments to W. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	1,306.05
Uncollected taxes,	$ 107.56

James H. Perkins, Jr. in Account with the Town of Wenham.

To tax list for 1895 committed to him to collect,	$7,365.25
Additions to tax list,	4.50
Interest on taxes,	7.87
	$7,377.62
By payments to W. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	$6,326.82
Discount on taxes,	82.24
Uncollected taxes,	968.56
	$7,377.62

Treasurer's Account.

WM. F. TROWT IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the treasury, Feb. 16, 1895,	$ 775.36
From Wellington Pool, for rent of Town Hall and piano,	68.25
Wellington Pool, sale of town history,	1.00
Grammar school scholars, for part payment on organ,	12.00
Commonwealth, national bank tax,	323.62
" corporation tax,	338.43
" income of Mass. school fund,	312.80
" state aid under chap. 301,	244.00
" " " " " 279,	114.00
" " " " " 62,	35.00
County Treasurer, discount on county tax,	2.19
" " for dog licenses,	177.00
Clerk of First District Court, for fines,	52.45
B. H. Conant, library fines,	16.61
Butchers' licenses,	7.00
James H. Perkins, Jr., druggist's license,	1.00
Town scales,	19.74
City of Salem, on account of taxes on land taken for Longham water supply (chap. 352, acts of 1893),	71.89
F. P. Stanton (tax collector, 1893),	12.38
Elbridge Porter, " " 1894),	1,306.05
James H. Perkins, Jr. (tax collector, 1895),	6,326.82
Sale of cemetery lot,	122.00
Withdrawn from Salem Savings Bank,	1,000.00
Total,	$11,339.59

PAYMENTS.

Interest on town debt,	$ 100.00
" " temporary loan,	31.85
" " Allen cemetery fund,	20.53

Interest on Mary Perkins fund,	71.13
County tax,	658.68
State tax,	405.00
Commonwealth, one-fourth of license fee,	.25
Note due State of Massachusetts,	1,000.00
Deposited in Salem Savings Bank towards reduction of town debt,	500.00
Selectmen's orders,	5,950.24
Balance in the treasury,	2,601.91
Total,	$11,339.59

Financial Statement of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Two notes due State of Massachusetts,	$2,000.00
Note due trustees of " Allen cemetery fund,"	475.00
Interest due Allen cemetery fund, to January 29, 1896,	34.97
Note due trustees of " Mary Perkins fund,"	3,000.00
Interest due on Mary Perkins fund to February 1, 1896,	336.66
Estimate of outstanding bills,	400.00
Money raised for " Porter street extension,"	300.00
Due cemetery commissioners,	122.00
Total,	$6,668.63

RESOURCES.

Cash in the treasury,	$2,601.91
Due from the State for state aid,	250.00
" " " military aid,	144.00
F. P. Stanton, tax collector, 1893,	2.18
Elbridge Porter, " " 1894,	107.56
James H. Perkins, Jr., tax collector, 1895,	968.56
Salem Savings Bank, deposit,	530.00

Due from Town of Beverly,	2.00
State one-half of Cattle Inspector's salary from June 5th,	47.50
Total,	$4,653.71
Balance against the town, Feb. 14, 1896,	$2,014.92
" " " " Feb. 16, 1895,	3,877.85
Reduction of town debt,	$1,862.93

The Selectmen recommend the following sums to defray the ordinary expenses :—

Schools,	$1,400.00
School incidentals,	200.00
Tuition for scholars out of town,	200.00
Incidentals,	1,500.00
Highways,	1,000.00
Library,	100.00
Fire department,	125.00
Interest,	300.00
For payment of town debt,	500.00
For "Soldiers Relief,"	300.00
Support of poor,	500.00
Total,	$6,125.00

List of Jurors proposed by the Selectmen Feb. 14, 1896.

Ivory Quinby,	Elbridge Porter,
George W. Jones,	N. P. Perkins,
Henry A. Moulton,	Fred. F. Abbott,
Arthur D. Prince,	Elbridge K. Standley,
Simeon Dodge, Jr.,	Luther W. Batchelder,
William F. Trowt,	Fred. F. Perkins,
George E. Perkins.	Wm. S. Cummings,

N. P. Perkins,
J. H. Perkins,
R. F. Dodge,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

Auditor's Report.

The undersigned, having examined the accounts of the several officers, find the same correct, with voucher for the payments.

HORACE E. DURGIN, Auditor.

Assessor's Report.

Number of male polls assessed,	257
Tax on each poll,	$2.00
Value of personal estate,	$116,000.00
Value of buildings,	345,200.00
Value of land,	223,925.00
Total valuation,	685,125.00
Total tax, polls, and overlays,	7,365.25
Rate per one thousand,	10.00
Number of horses,	236
" " cows,	323
" " sheep,	8
" " swine,	59
" " fowls assessed,	2,215
" " dwelling houses,	235
" " acres of land,	4,535
" " tax payers,	479
" " " " on property,	396
" " " " on poll only,	83

Registrar's Report.

Whole number of male voters registered Nov. 6, 1895,	227
" " " female " " " "	12

Vital Statistics, 1895.

TOWN OF WENHAM.

Seventeen births, twelve marriages, and twenty-five deaths were recorded in Wenham in 1895.

Of the births, eleven were males and six were females.

Of the twenty-five deaths recorded, eighteen occurred in town.

Nineteen were residents, and six were non-residents. Seven were brought to Wenham for interment, and four were removed for interment elsewhere.

DEATHS.

1895		yrs.	mos.	dys
Jan. 18,	Mary K. Batchelder,	53	3	12
Feb. 5,	Arthur L. Dodge,*			18
Feb. 12,	Addie F. Sheldon,†	39		13
Mar. 1,	——— Fair,			1
Mar. 9,	Eveline C. Dodge,†	48		8
Mar. 11,	Lydia A. Barnes,	60	7	2
Mar. 13,	——— Barnes,†		2	
Mar. 21,	Elizabeth W. Patch,	77	3	4
Apr. 15,	John Gentlee,	69	6	16
May 1,	John P. Conant,	47	6	6
May 9,	Sally Cloutman,	80	8	7
May 25,	Augustus W. Standley,	84	8	9
June 16,	Richard H. Cloutman,	86	9	1
June 30,	Harvey Pierce,†	82	2	23
July 21,	George W. Casson,	37	5	4
Sept. 16,	Nancy P. Batchelder,			28
Sept. 25,	Nancy Batchelder,	84	2	15
Oct. 28,	Nicholas Dodge,*	76	5	4
Nov. 12,	Daniel P. Brewer,	73	5	4
Nov. 18,	Rebecca K. Clark,†	65	11	
Nov. 27,	Humphrey S. Clarke (Co. F, 2d Mass. Reg't Inf.),	69	7	21
Dec. 11,	Maria B. Dodge,*	83	2	16
Dec. 11,	Everett N. Rogers,*		3	3

Dec. 20,	Elizabeth J. Rust,†	62	5	19
	Laura E. Kemble† (died in N. J., Dec. 30, 1894),	51	3	11

*Removed for interment elsewhere.
† Brought to Wenham for interment.

In addition to the foregoing—the remains of three were brought to Wenham for *re*-interment.

DOGS.

One hundred and three dogs—ninety-four males and nine females—were licensed; and from the amount received therefor, the sum of two hundred and twelve dollars and forty cents was paid into the county treasury.

The sum refunded to the town treasury was one hundred and seventy-seven dollars.

Wellington Pool, Town Clerk.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

ESSEX, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Wenham, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on MONDAY, the second day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2. To act on the annual report of the Selectmen and School Committee, Trustees of the Public Library, and other town officers.

3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the year ensuing, make appropriation of the same, and determine the manner of collecting.

5. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, said loan or loans to be paid from the taxes of the current year.

6. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as proposed by the Selectmen.

7. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the expenses of Memorial day, under the direction of the soldiers and sailors of Wenham.

8. To see if the town will raise a sufficient sum of money to pay the state and military aid for the coming year.

9. To see what action the town will take in regard to truant scholars.

10. To see if the town will vote to widen and relay the bridge or bridges at "Wenham Causeway" so called, to raise money for the same, or act anything thereon, by request of Stephen Cook.

11. To see if the town will vote to widen the travel of the road, on the hill near the house of S. R. Prince, by blasting away a portion of the ledge, as per petition of F. M. Dodge and others, and raise money for the same.

12. To see if the town will vote to purchase a flag for use at the Town House, or act anything thereon.

13. To see if the town will vote to repair the town clock, or act anything thereon.

14. To see if the town will vote to procure a snow plow for clearing the sidewalks, or act anything thereon.

15. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The ballot shall be "Yes" or "No."

16. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town House, one at the Baptist meeting-house, one at A. D. & W. F. Trowt's store, one at the chapel at Mapleville, and one at the eastern part of the town near the house of John K. Dodge, in said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding the said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this fourteenth day of February, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-six.

N. P. Perkins,
J. H. Perkins,
R. F. Dodge,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM,

FOR THE

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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee of Wenham respectfully submit the following report:

In presenting the report of the schools for the past year, it is appropriate to place on record the fact that no interruption has been suffered in our schools either in consequence of sickness, or from fear of contagious diseases, and we lift our hearts in gratitude and thanksgiving that the lives of all our children have been spared, and quietly and prosperously these fundamental institutions of our civil government and of our political and social organizations, these "Colleges of the people," have been doing their appropriate work in training recruits to repair the waste of time and to fill the varions places of duty, responsibility and honor in our rapidly growing country.

The schools have been visited by the committee, not for the purpose of passing harsh judgments, but to learn their actual condition; suggesting criticisms, rather than severely urging them; listening to recitations and taking notes for future comparison; drilling a class at the blackboard or questioning one in history or geography; encouraging thought and the power of expression on the subject matter of the lesson, urging strongly for good order and a high standard of attainments; to judge of the efficiency of the teachers, to learn whether the products of the school-room were *real* or *fanciful*.

Statistics for the Year.

The committee received and paid out for the maintenance of the public schools as follows:

Town appropriation,	$1,400.00
State school fund,	312.80
Dog tax,	177.00
	$1,889.80
Paid for teaching,	$1,564.00
" fuel,	101.70
" care of rooms and building fires,	73.64
	$1,739.34
Paid for books, stationery and school-room supplies and school incidentals,	$216.35

Number of persons in town on the first day of May, 1895, between five and fifteen years of age, 152.

Number of public schools, 5.

Number of different pupils of all ages in the public schools during the year, 134.

Number attending during the year over fifteen years of age, 3.

Average membership of all the schools, 111.2.

Average attendance in all the public schools during the year, 104.4.

The per cent. of attendance based upon the average membership, 93.8.

By a comparison of the foregoing statistics, in reference to the number of persons of lawful school age in town, number attending the public schools, average membership, average attendance and per cent. of attendance —with those of the previous year, it will be seen that there has been a gain in each in favor of the year just closed.

By vote of the town, the school year closes "on the thirty-first day of December" and by the same vote the school committee are required "to have their annual report printed and distributed before the annual town

meeting," which occurs about eight weeks before the close of the winter term of the schools; hence, before the usual time for the public examination of the same. To comply with the town's instruction, the committee found it necessary to examine the schools before the usual time, in order to have the results of the examinations given in the annual report; they have, therefore, all been examined by the committee, and their finding given in the detailed report of each school, respectively. These examinations made by the committee, and for the purpose stated, will not, in anywise, take the place of the usual public exercises at the close of the winter term, which will be held as in previous years.

School Books.

Amid the multiplicity of books, literary and scientific, it is no easy task to make a proper selection, since some are more voluminous than instructive, more ornamental than valuable and more startling than improving. The teacher is the *soul* of the school room, while books are his or her aids. Avoiding the one extreme of the disuse of books, on the one hand it is judicious, on the other, not to be too much confined to them, though no scholar is prepared to enter school without them. The pupil is not simply a *receiver*, but a laborer, and these are his implements, the means of furnishing *employment* and of securing mental discipline by effort.

The march of the arts and sciences is onward, resulting in improvements. Progress implies change. In mechanics, obsolete implements give place to improved ones. As reform moves onward we must move. It is quite as possible and important to improve school books as ploughs, engines, cars and the like. It is reasonable to infer that improved methods of presenting scientific subjects are possible, and that new truths are elicited by constant investigation.

At the beginning of the year, the committee gave this subject their careful attention and were convinced that some changes in text books were absolutely necessary, if we would have our schools keep in touch with the progress of the times, and they were made. "Buck's English Grammar and Analyses, The Rand-McNally Geographies and Eggleston's United States History" were adopted as text books for use in the public schools of the town. Either under the influence of the newness of the text books or of some worthier reason—as we hope and trust—the interest of the pupils in these studies has greatly improved and their attainments much more satisfactory, since the use of the newly adopted text books.

Gradation and Classification.

The advantages of a "division of labor," so generally and successfully adopted in mechanical establishments, are equally manifest in the management of the school room; as far as it is possible, it is desirable to reduce teaching to its simplest forms, to secure in all of our schools as much uniformity as possible, allowing a reasonable time for each recitation. This is utterly impossible in an ungraded school, to which class the most of our schools belong. More simplicity, more uniformity in methods of teaching are attainable. It is desirable to secure harmony in all of the grades, like the adaptation of the different parts of a complicated machine, that the machinery of our schools, so to speak, may harmonize as if directed by one master spirit.

While it is true that our town, geographically, is very unfavorable to a true gradation and classification of its schools, yet the committee believe that something may be done in this direction, by which a better return would be made for the labor and money spent. The details of such a plan are not in place at this time, and the general principles advocated seem too evident to demand elucidation.

NECK SCHOOL.

During the three terms of the past year the Neck School was in charge of as many different teachers. Miss Winnifred Munroe, who had charge of the school at the close of previous year, retained her position, and while in her care the work of the school was even more satisfactory than during the preceding year.

The good order, individual attention to school requirements, life and promptness of the past were continued, while a still greater advancement in the studies was observed by those familiar with the daily work of the school.

Near the end of the first month of the summer term, Miss Munroe was compelled by failing health to vacate her position, to the regret of pupils, parents and committee. The vacancy was supplied by Miss Anna L. Prince of Wenham, who consented to take charge of the school during the remaining part of the summer term. Miss Prince was thoroughly qualified for the instruction of her pupils and the general management of the school. To say that the school while in charge of Miss Prince fully maintained its former high position is, perhaps, a sufficient commendation. Excellent government, combined with good sense, energy, tact and a love of the work, will scarcely fail of securing success. Her classes were well disciplined in the best sense of the term; the teacher having the happy faculty of securing the respect and confidence of her pupils. The school under her tuition was a success, both in government and intellectual development. Having fulfilled her engagement she closed her connection with the school at the end of the summer term, very much to the regret of the committee and all who are interested in this school.

At the commencement of the fall term the school was given in charge of Miss Laura G. Johnson of Salem, a

lady well adapted to the business of teaching, a good scholar and disciplinarian. While visiting the school and becoming acquainted with its routine work, it was evident that the government was of a kind to secure obedience without much apparent effort. The method of instruction was thorough and practical, the attention of the pupils to their school duties, and the neatness of the schoolroom, all indicated that the school had been intrusted to a conscientious, faithful and competent teacher. Subsequent visits to the school and an inspection of the work being done, both by teacher and pupils, furnished ample proof that the school was in all respects well trained and bearing excellent fruit. The order was invariably good, the school room a pattern of neatness and steady improvement in the several branches of study made.

The examination held on Thursday, A.M., January 23, was thorough, comprehensive and in most ot the exercises, satisfactory. While the examination of the first and second classes in written arithmetic furnished ample proof of thoroughness in this important branch of study, the principles and rules being clearly stated and examples solved with facility and correctness, the third class *failed* in the application of principles in their blackboard work. The exercises in mental arithmetic were good. In geography, the classes by promptness, correctness and definiteness of the answers given, furnished unquestioned evidence of careful and thoughtful study in this branch. The exhibit of the work accomplished by the two classes in history was excellent. The same may be said of the spelling in all of the classes. The reading classes were omitted for want of time.

Per cent. of daily attendance through the year, 92.7.

Not absent during the summer term—Jennie M. Lovett, Amy S. Lovett and Alice F. Lovett. Fall term—Alice B. Dodge, Louis A. Dodge, Jennie M. Lovett and Alice F. Lovett. Winter term—Alice B. Dodge, Roy

Young and Louise A. Dodge. During the year—Lucy F. Cole.

EAST SCHOOL.

This school continued through the year under the direction of Miss Mary E. Dodge, of Hamilton, who fully realized the expectations which were warranted by the experience of the preceding year. The general deportment of the school, its good order without strenuous effort, the willing obedience and constant attendance of the scholars and the pleasant relation between pupils and teacher all render it one of our promising schools. A clear perception, on the part of the teacher, of what is desirable in a school, an apparently easy and cheerful discipline, facility and dispatch in teaching all that legitimately belongs to the lessons, no complaint of "want of time" to do all that is required, variety and vivacity in the daily performances have been prominent features through the year. It is a pleasure, for the supervisors of this school, to be able to report that, in their visits to the school, and the examinations made from time to time of the several classes in their respective studies, for the purpose of ascertaining the *quality* as well as the *quantity* of the work being done, the promptness and general accuracy of the pupils in their answers to questions given, furnished unmistakable proof that they had been well and correctly taught.

The examination, which occurred on Thursday, P.M., January 23, demonstrated what we have previously reported, that Miss Dodge had labored diligently and earnestly for the progress and improvement of her scholars, and the pupils, in their recitations, showed that they had not misimproved or been indifferent to the instruction imparted. The classes in geography, grammar and physiology deserve to be well spoken of, as very commendable progress was made in each of them. The exhibit of what had been accomplished by the two classes in history during the year

was excellent ; the pupils in their answers were prompt, accurate and comprehensive. The classes in written arithmetic showed excellent familiarity with the definitions and principles studied, but somewhat disappointed us, in the application of those principles when put to the test of applying them in their work at the blackboard. The reading did not equal the good standard of most of the other exercises. If there is one thing to be criticised here, it is haste and consequent indistinctness. The spelling in all of the classes was excellent.

This school again takes its stand at the head, in point of daily attendance, even improving upon its own record of the previous year. The per cent. of daily attendance for the year was 98. Pupils, teacher and parents may justly be congratulated on such a record as this.

Not absent during the summer term—Addie Williams, Lizzie D. Williams and Lizzie D. Preston. Fall term—Laura S. Wyatt and Lewis Killam. Winter term—Addie Williams. During the year—Fannie Wyatt, Nellie E. Preston and Clara E. Williams.

WEST SCHOOL.

Again, this school has been subjected to a change of teachers. At the commencement of the year, it was committed to Miss Florence Carleton, of Danvers, who had charge of it during the fall and winter terms of the preceding year. This introduction to the school prepared her to assume the position understandingly, knowing much of its condition and real wants. In the management of the school, the teacher demonstrated not only her ability to control and secure prompt and respectful obedience, but to instruct thoroughly and to awaken an interest in the pursuit of knowledge. System, order and method were characteristic features. The condition of the school, both in its government and instruction, was very satisfactory

during the time it was in charge of Miss Carleton. Near the middle of the summer term she was offered a position in one of the graded schools in the town of Danvers, and asked to be released from her present engagement, in order that she might accept the position tendered her. The committee, while they very much regretted to lose Miss Carleton's services as teacher, granted her request, and she closed her connection with the school, May 17.

Miss Rose A. Manning of Topsfield, was appointed to the vacancy and entered upon her duties at once. Miss Manning is a woman well qualified for her position in reference to literary attainments; these, coupled with her natural adaptation to the duties of the school-room, her previous experience and success in teaching were natural guarantees of success. She is accurate in her method of imparting instruction and is very successful in making her classes understand the principles, as well as the subject-matter of the branches pursued. The discipline of the school was good and the scholars uniformly appeared happy and cheerful while engaged in their school work.

One of the very prominent requirements of the teacher was that her pupils in giving their answers should give them in complete sentences, a requirement we cannot too highly commend. No one, *familiar* with the work of the school-room, could have visited this school and listened to the recitations, without being impressed with the fact that the work on the part of the pupils must be *thorough* in *preparation* and recitation in order to satisfy the requisitions of the teacher.

In attendance the school has taken a long step in advance, as will be seen by comparing the daily attendance of the preceding year, which was 87.4 per cent., with that of the year just closed, which was 95.3 + per cent. a gain of 7.9 per cent. which, in point of daily attendance, transfers the school from the *lowest* to the second highest rank, in town, a result of which pupils, teacher and parents may well be proud.

The school was correctly taught and well governed, and the efforts of the teacher were accompanied with that thorough mental training which is essential to all true education. The examination, which took place on Friday, A.M., January 24, *fully realized* the expectations of those having the school in charge. The classes in written arithmetic were clear and definite in the statement of principles, and correct in their demonstrations upon the blackboards, and those in mental arithmetic were equally satisfactory. The classes in history and physiology responded promptly and correctly to the questions of teacher and committee, and showed a thorough familiarity with the subjects, so far as they were examined. While the pupils in language gave an excellent exhibition of their year's work, the exercises in parsing as well as the analysis of sentences of the first class in grammar, were highly satisfactory and worthy of special commendation. Similar remarks apply with equal force to the first class in reading. The class in algebra and those in geography were not examined on account of the lateness of the hour. The examination in its entirety, showed the work of the school, while under the care of Miss Manning, to have been a grand success.

Not absent during the summer term—Alice S. Waitt. Fall term—Ruth E. Bowden, Bertha Randall, Roscoe Batchelder, Arthur Cook and Chester M. Waitt. Winter term—Ruth E. Bowden, Ida E. Tiney and Arthur Cook. During the year—Ida M. Cook, William M. Cook, Sidney S. Cook and George G. Hodgdon.

CENTRE PRIMARY.

This school, in charge of the same teacher, Miss Bertha M. Durgin, as in several former years, has, so far as known, enjoyed generally the confidence of parents and friends of the school.

The general character of this school is somewhat peculiar, and requires a teacher versatile in expedients in order

to awaken and maintain, especially in the younger portion of the school, an interest that will lead the pupils to put forth mental effort. Its name, like that of the more advanced department in this district, is a misnomer; for while it is classed and known as a primary school, it should more properly be classed as a mixed school composed, as it is, of both primary and intermediate or secondary pupils, and the same is true of the other department, made up as it is of secondary and grammar school pupils. In consequence of the mixed character of both of these schools, each of the teachers is placed at a great disadvantage, in her school work, as one must know who is at all familiar with the teacher's labor in a *well graded* school. The school is numerically the largest in town, and at the commencement, in consequence of new additions to its numbers, demanded a mind capable of organizing and controlling, that order and system might be secured.

The first visit furnished evidence to the committee that no time had been wasted in useless experiments, as the school was early classified and disciplined. Much ability was manifested by the teacher in inciting her pupils, especially the older ones, to mental activity, and in leading them to the attainment of a good degree of progress. Oral instruction was a prominent feature in the daily exercises of this department. One marked and praiseworthy characteristic of this instruction was the fertility of resource in applying the illustrative method by which learning was vitalized and the lessons of the school room connected with the out-of-door world that children love so well. The order of the school, whenever visited, was generally good; though it was evident that a few of the pupils were always ready to take advantage whenever an opportunity offered, and failed to apply themselves as they should to their studies. The attendance was good through the year, especially so, when it is remembered that a large proportion of the pupils are quite young.

At the examination held on Monday, A. M., Jan. 27,

the school more than maintained its former rank, in the promptness and general accuracy of the pupils to the questions of teacher and committee. The object lesson of the class composed of the youngest pupils was good and very interesting. The fourth class have made a good beginning in the multiplication table and in the addition of small numbers; the third not only have mastered the first eight tables, but have also commenced mental arithmetic; and the second, in connection with mental have taken the four fundamental rules in written arithmetic; and while all of these classes were very prompt in their recitations and appeared to good advantage, the first class are deserving of special commendation for the quality of their work, as shown in their examination of the fundamental rules in written arithmetic, and also for their promptness in finding the least common multiple and the greatest common divisor. The exercises in spelling were very satisfactory. The recitation of the class in language did not equal the other exercises. The classes in reading and geography deserve to be well spoken of, as very commendable progress has been made in all of them.

Per cent. of daily attendance for the year, 93.8.

Not absent during the summer term—Gertrude Kimball, Ruth Kimball, Florence Goodridge, Nellie Goodridge, Florence Perkins, Edith Alley, Marcia Perkins, Fred Brewer, Roland Dudley and Georgie Preston. Fall term—Florence Goodridge, Nellie Goodridge, Laura Goodridge and Roland Patch. Winter term, Rosy Rollins, Carrie Lord, Florence Alley, Gertie Kimball, Ruth Kimball, Leroy Clark, Roland Dudley and Eddie Sargent. During the year—Fred Kilham.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Mrs. Grace R. Gould continued her services in this school, services rendered valuable not only by a previous acquaintance, but by her faithfulness and "aptness to teach," of whose experience and ability as a teacher we

need not speak. After so many years of successful labor in the two schools of this district, the teacher has established those personal traits of character for efficient school work, that are not dependent upon yearly repeated commendation. At the beginning of the summer term it was apparent to those having the supervision of the school, that the teacher had entered upon the year's school labors with a fixed plan and determination to improve upon the work and acquirements of the previous years, and her efforts in this direction were well seconded by her pupils, especially the more advanced ones, who gave themselves diligently to the work of accomplishing so laudable and desirable an object.

The interest of the teacher in and for her pupils was fully reciprocated by a corresponding interest on their part, and made the mutual relations pleasant; the discipline and deportment were uniformly excellent. Mrs. Gould labored persistently and with good success, to correct in her pupils the habit of giving their answers at the time of recitation, with little or no regard to the grammatical correctness of those answers. This is a fault, not peculiar to the grammar department, but is quite too common in most of the schools in town, and demands the attention of our teachers with a view to its correction. At the end of the summer term, the pupils of the first class closed their relation with the school with the intention of pursuing their studies in some high school. This was a class in which there was some very fine material, and these boys and girls will, unless we have greatly mistaken their ability, make a good record in their future school work.

The studies of the school were: reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic—mental and written—grammar, history, algebra and physiology, and these were taught in an efficient and exhaustive manner. A constant review of the work gone over was kept up, so that the foundation was constantly under the supervision of the teacher; hence, if

any defects were detected, they could be corrected, before they should mar or weaken subsequent intellectual developments. "To advance is to review;" the idea is, perhaps, better expressed in Latin phrase, *Festina lente*," or, in good Saxon, "hasten slowly." This seems to have been the teacher's motto in the school work of the year; and it has the unqualified approbation of those interested with the supervision of this department, believing that, "what is worth doing at all is," not only, "worth doing well," but in the best possible manner.

None, who have visited this school during the past year and made themselves acquainted with its daily routine work and listened to the recitations and class drill, can truly call in question the ability, fidelity and conscientiousness of the teacher, or the excellence and worth of the school to all of those pupils, who have enjoyed and faithfully improved its privileges.

Mrs. Gould pursued the same method in regard to tests of her pupils' thoroughness in their several studies, as in the previous year. As the limits of this report will not allow us to give the standing of all the pupils in each of their studies, we will give only in the first and second classes, the highest *average* per cent. of any pupil and the lowest *average* per cent. of any pupil in the same study and class, and the average per cent. of the whole class.

FIRST CLASS.

STUDIES.	HIGHEST average per cent.	LOWEST average per cent.	AVERAGE PER CENT. for the class.
Arithmetic,	99.3	80	90.1
Spelling,	92.6	72.6	82.3
Grammar,	97.8	73	88.9
Geography,	95.2	79.8	87.9
History,	97.2	72.6	84.1
Physiology,	98.5	91.5	92
Algebra,	87.3	64	78.1

SECOND CLASS.

STUDIES.	HIGHEST average per cent.	LOWEST average per cent,	AVERAGE PER CENT. for the class.
Arithmetic,	95.8	49.2	83.5
Spelling,	98.3	74.9	86.9
Grammar,	99	79	87.6
Geography,	91.2	58.1	82
History,	92.4	74.9	82.7
Physiology,	96.4	69.5	73.8

A critical examination of the above figures will furnish unquestionable evidence of the thoroughness and quality of the instruction in all of the branches taught.

The exercises at the examination, held on Monday, P.M., January 27, were highly satisfactory to the committee. The reading, as a whole, was good; by some of the pupils, excellent. The recitations of the two classes in written arithmetic were marked by great freedom and exactness in giving the rules for every process and the examples on the blackboards were wrought with neatness, dispatch and general accuracy, evincing a clear understanding of the year's work. In grammar, the pupils gave very satisfactory evidence, by the tests applied, that they had been carefully and correctly taught. The pupils in history showed, by their promptness and accuracy, very great familiarity with the periods to which their attention had been given, affording indisputable evidence of thoroughness in the prosecution of this study. The same may be said, with equal force, of the examination of the pupils in physiology. While the recitations in geography were good, the pupils in mental arithmetic were especially deserving of commendation for clearness of statement, correct reasoning and promptness in giving conclusions. The spelling and defining were excellent. A school with such a record needs no special commendation, but stands upon its own merits.

Per cent. of daily attendance through the year, 94.9.

Not absent during the summer term—Grace F. McQueenny, Edith B. Dudley and Thomas B. Sargent. Fall term—Edith B. Dudley, Laura A. Sargent and William F. McQueenny. Winter term—Carrie F. Plaisted, Alice W. Patch and William F. McQueenny. During the year—Joanna F. Plaisted and Frank P. Butman.

IN CONCLUSION.

It has been our aim in this report to present as clearly as possible the work of each of our schools, during the past year, and in some measure, comparing it with previous years; and it is with feelings of more than ordinary satisfaction that the committee feel justified in saying, that, in their judgment, the schools in all respects, are in better condition than they were last year or in previous years. They believe that progress, in methods of teaching, in discipline and in the character of instruction, has been made, and trust it will continue to improve in the years to come.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

To the Citizens of Wenham :

The Trustees of the Public Library herewith present their annual report for the year ending January 31, 1896. The following-named persons constitute the present Board of Trustees.

Benjamin H. Conant,	elected	1893,	term expires	1896.
William E. Hadlock,	"	1894,	" "	1896.
Henry A. Moulton,	"	1894,	" "	1897.
Frank H. Tarr,	"	1894,	" "	1897.
Elbridge Porter,	re-elected	1895,	" "	1898.
Rev. Arthur N. Ward,	"	1895,	" "	1898.

The Board organized by choice of Elbridge Porter, Chairman, and Benjamin H. Conant, Secretary.

Although eleven years have rolled away since the town accepted the gift of the Wenham Library Association, the interest of the people in their Public Library continues unabated. During the past year 4,018 volumes have been borrowed from the library, an increase of 153 volumes over the previous year. Of this number, 364 volumes have been taken by the East Wenham branch.

We regret that we are not able to report the use of so large a proportion of books belonging to the more useful departments of the library as last year, the percentage of all these combined being only 16.1, while in the fiction class, 83.9 per cent. were taken. Since the publication of the catalogue in 1893, our various departments, those of history and biography especially, have been materially strengthened. The library is now particularly rich in colonial history. Nearly all of John Fiske's historical works have been obtained and of the series of "American Commonwealths," "American Men of

Letters" and "American Statesmen," we have all that have been published up to the time of our last purchase. These books are all written in a very entertaining manner, and our young men who desire to become better acquainted with the history of our country would do well to make more use of this class of reading matter. "The American Statesmen" series, taken in chronological order, give a very clear view of the political progress of our nation, the rise and development of the various political parties and the events which finally led up to the Great Rebellion in 1861. Other entertaining and instructive books in this department are the "Heroes of the Nations," of which we have several volumes. One book of special interest at this time when the attention of the whole civilized world is directed toward Armenia and the Turkish Empire, is the "Life and Times of Cyrus Hamlin," for many years a missionary among these people.

The other departments of the library have also received valuable additions. In the fiction line we have introduced to our readers several of the more prominent recent authors, among them Hall Caine, S. R. Crockett, A. Conan Doyle and Ian Maclaren. We have also added new books by the more familiar writers, such as Amelia E. Barr, Amanda M. Douglas, Mrs. Humphrey Ward, Judge A. W. Tourgee, Gen. Lee Wallace and others. The juvenile department has not been neglected and we would especially recommend to our young readers such authors as Elbridge S. Brooks, Hezekiah Butterworth, Charles C. Coffin, Edward E. Hale, Louisa M. Alcott, Sarah K. Bolton, Nora Perry and Sarah C. Woolsey. We have been pleased to see the young people taking so great an interest in the library. We believe it is far better for them to form habits of reading than to spend their spare time loafing about the streets and stores. We would most earnestly recommend parents to assist their children in the selection of suitable books. We have in the library a very liberal selection of juvenile literature, and would suggest that the best books for the young people's use are not always to be found in the fiction list. When children are forming habits of reading they should be directed aright in their choice of books. Sensational stories of love and adventure should not form their principal reading matter. The public library should aim to

instruct as well as amuse, and we feel quite certain that if our young readers (and older ones too, for that matter) would not forget that the library contains anything except fiction, and would carefully examine the other departments of the catalogue, they would find a rich fund of entertainment as well as information.

The teacher of the Grammar School has made frequent use of the library in connection with her work, thus calling the attention of her pupils to the better class of books.

We are always ready and willing to render all the assistance in our power to those desiring it in the selection of books, and should be pleased to see a greater demand for the more useful works.

Donations of books, pamphlets, etc., have been received from Messrs. Henry Alley, Charles Baker, Henry A. Moulton, Wellington Pool, Miss E. B. Waters and others. Henry L. Eaton has given the numbers for one year of Blackwood's Edinburg Magazine, Charles H. Baker, U. S. Navy, is sending us the Official Records of the Union and Confederate navies, 1861-65, as fast as they are published, two volumes of which have already been received. We are indebted to Hon. W. H. Moody, M.C., for the Daily Congressional Record of the current session. The publisher of the Wenham-Hamilton Star has continued that paper another year without charge, and we have just received from the Salem Water Board as complete a set of their reports as they are now able to supply. (Of these Wenham Water Reports we lack the first eight, 1869 to 1876, and the 24th for 1892. Any one having spare copies of any of these missing reports would confer a favor by presenting them to the library.) The collection of accounts of current events of local interest, mentioned in our last report, has been continued during the past year.

CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

At the annual examination every book belonging to the library was returned or accounted for. The books are now, generally speaking, in good fair condition, though there are a few that are nearly worn out. Fifty-four volumes have been rebound during the year. We would call the attention of

some of our readers to the importance of greater care in the handling of books, especially the heavier and more costly volumes.

NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY.

One of the needs of the library which should receive immediate attention is the publication of a supplement to the catalogue. Since the general catalogue was issued, there have been added to the circulating department, 266 volumes, of which we have for the use of the readers only one manuscript list. A catalogue of these books, with such as may be purchased this spring, should be compiled and printed as a supplement for the convenience of the patrons of the library.

Another and more difficult problem to solve is the question of additional room to accommodate the natural growth of the library, the available space in the present room being nearly all occupied. Mr. Woodwell, in his report of the library in 1890, says: "A Public Library is a growing child. It possesses the quality of expansion. Put it in cramped quarters, in a strait jacket, neglect to feed it, refuse to take proper care of it, the child dwindles, shrivels and dies." Now, we do not believe the citizens of Wenham desire to see their Public Library suffer any such fate; and yet, unless suitable accommodations and proper support are provided, its usefulness will be greatly impaired.

While we have no special plan to present at this time, it was thought well to bring the matter to the attention of the people as one that will require definite action in the near future.

The thanks of the trustees are extended to each and all of the individuals who have aided the library by their donations of books, etc., during the past year, and also to Mr. Peter H. Hadlock for another year of service as assistant in delivering books.

The growth, classification and use of the library for the year ending January 31, 1896, are shown by the following tables of statistics:

CIRCULATION

Evenings the library was open for delivery of books,	45
Volumes loaned at central library,	3,654

Volumes loaned at East Wenham branch,	364
Total number volumes loaned,	4,018
Volumes renewed,	259
Average weekly delivery,	89
Largest weekly delivery (April 3, 1895),	136
Smallest weekly delivery (Sept. 11, 1895),	50
Volumes lost,	0
Number of different individuals who have taken books during the past year,	273
Whole number of different individuals who have taken books since the inauguration of the present system in 1893,	351

CLASSIFICATION AND USE.

	Volumes catalogued Jan. 31, 1895.	Volumes added.	Volumes catalogued Jan. 31, 1896.	Volumes loaned at Central Library.	Volumes loaned at E. Wenham Branch.	Whole No. Volumes loaned.	Per cent. of circulation.
History,	199	23	222	140	13	153	
Biography,	174	19	193	66	8	74	
Travels and Descriptive,	146	11	157	215	6	221	
Science and Agriculture	101	14	115	45	4	49	
Poetry,	38	1	39	15	2	17	
Religion,	40	6	46	9	0	9	
Essays and Miscellaneous,	111	15	126	123	1	124	
Totals other than fiction,	809	89	898	613	34	647	16.1
Fiction,	942	70	1,012	3,041	330	3,371	83.9
Totals, including fiction,	1,751	159	1,910	3,654	364	4,018	100.0

ACCESSIONS.

	Catalogued.	Not catalogued.	Total.
Volumes in the library, Jan 31, 1895,	1,751	456	2,207
Volumes added by purchase,	119	0	119
Volumes added by donation,	40	54	94
Volumes in the library, Jan. 31, 1896,	1,910	510	2,420

Pamphlets in the library, Jan. 31, 1895, not catalogued. about	220
Pamphlets added by donation.	57
Pamphlets in the library, Jan. 31, 1896, not catalogued.	277

Donations to the library, for the year ending Jan. 31, 1896:

	Bound Vols.	Pamphlets.	Periodicals.
Alley, Henry,	5	6	
Baker, Charles,	13		
Baker, Charles H. (U. S. N.),	2		
Dennison Manufacturing Co.,		1	
Dodge, Richard E.,		2	
Eaton, Henry L.,			12 numbers
G. A. R. Headquarters, Boston,	1		
Hamilton, Public Library,		1	
Mass., Sec'y of the Commonwealth,	26	2	
Mass. State Library,		1	
Moody, Hon. Wm. H. (M.C.),			Cong. Rec.
Moulton, Henry A.,	6	4	odd papers
Perkins, N. Porter,	4		
Pool, Wellington,	6	10	odd papers
Public Reservations, Trustees of		1	
Salem Public Library,		2	
Salem Water Board,		17	
Stanton, Charles H.,	1		
Stone, Daniel D.,	1		
Tabor Academy,		1	
Washington, D. C., Dep't of Agriculture,		4	
Waters, Miss E. B.,	29	4	
Wenham and Hamilton Star, pub'r,			1 sub.
Wenham, town of		1	
	94	57	

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1896.

Unexpended balance Jan. 31, 1895,	$ 22.57
Town appropriation, March, 1895,	100.00
Received for fines, etc.,	9.56
	$132.13

EXPENDITURES.

DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., 119 volumes,	$105.01
American Express,	.90

Expenses of trustees to Boston,	5.00
E. A. Mackintire, librarian's record,	.75
Lambert Jackson, rebinding 54 volumes,	11.00
Incidentals,	1.53
	$124.19
Balance Jan. 31, 1896,	$7.94

Feb. 3, 1896. Paid William F. Trowt, town treasurer, the amount received for fines, etc., from March 1, 1894, to Jan. 31, 1896, $16.61

Respectfully submitted,

Elbridge Porter, Chairman,
Benj. H. Conant, Secretary,
William E. Hadlock,
Henry A. Moulton,
Frank H. Tarr,
Arthur N. Ward,

Trustees Wenham Public Library.

TOWN OF WENHAM.

Annual Reports.

1896-97.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

For the Year Ending February 13, 1897.

Report of the School Committee

For the Year Ending December 31, 1896

AND THE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of the Public Library.

1897.
MILO A. NEWHALL & CO., PRINTERS,
SALEM, MASS.

REPORT.

Town Officers for the year 1896-97.

Moderator—Abbott Johnson.

Town Clerk—Wellington Pool.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, and Fence Viewers—N. P. Perkins, J. H. Perkins, R. F. Dodge.

Town Treasurer—Wm. F. Trowt.

Collector of Taxes—James H. Perkins, Jr.

Auditor—Otis D. Brewer.

School Committee—Wm. B. Morgan, 1897; Elbridge Porter, 1898; Francis M. Dodge, 1899.

Constables—Charles H. McQueeney, Henry A. Moulton, 2d, Frank T. Johnson.

Special Police—Charles H. McQueeney, chief; Henry A. Moulton, 2d.

Commissioners of Cemetery—J. H. Perkins, 1897; Wm. F. Trowt, 1898; F. H. Tarr, 1899.

Trustees of Public Library—F. H. Tarr, 1897; H. A. Moulton, 1897; Elbridge Porter, 1898; Arthur N. Ward, 1898; Charles H. Stanton, 1899; Benj. H. Conant, 1899.

Board of Health—C. S. Cook, 1897; Henry A. Prince, 1898; C. W. Perkins, 1899.

Surveyors of Highways—Ward 1, Addison Williams; Ward 2, F. T. Johnson; Ward 3, H. A. Killam; Ward 4, Wm. P. Dodge; Ward 5, F. H. Tarr; Ward 6, D. A. Homan; Ward 7, S. S. Cook; Ward 8, E. L. Kimball; Ward 9, D. E. Homan.

Surveyors of Lumber, and Measurers of Wood and Bark—John K. Dodge, R. F. Dodge, A. D. Prince, Isaac Porter, J. H. Perkins, Otis Alley, Wm. S. Cummings.

Town Weighers—Wm. F. Trowt, Wm. P. Dodge, John K. Dodge.

Pound Keeper—H. H. Demsey.

Firewards and Forest Firewards—Elbridge Porter, Charles W. Patch, Horace E. Durgin, Leander F. Hodgdon, Horace A. Killam.

Keeper of Lockup and Tramps—John C. Richards.

Inspector of Cattle and Provisions—Henry Alley.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—J. H. Perkins.

School Department.

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid N. E. Preston, care of room and fires,	$10.00
Mary E. Dodge, teaching balance winter term, 1896,	88.00
Florence E. Dodge, " spring term,	90.00
" " " " fall "	88.00
" " " " winter " 1897,	16.00
John K. Dodge, wood,	18.00
Total,	$310.00

NECK SCHOOL.

Paid L. Grace Johnson, teaching balance winter term, 1896,	$45.00
" " " spring term,	108.00
" " " fall term,	99.00
" " " winter term, 1897,	72.00
Charles Wilkins, wood,	18.00
S. C. Prince, care of room and fires,	12.00
Total,	$354.00

CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Paid Bertha M. Durgin, teaching balance winter term, 1896,	$36.00
" " " " spring term,	108.00
Marion Sanburn, teaching fall term,	108.00
" " " winter term, 4 weeks, 1897,	36.00
James Fairfield, coal,	10.00
Wellington Pool, care of room and fires,	18.40
Total,	$316.40

CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid Grace H. Gould, teaching winter term, 1895–96,	$130.00
" " " " spring term,	120.00
" " " " fall term,	100.00
" " " " winter term, 3 weeks, 1897;	30.00
Margaret M. Dudley, care of room,	10.00
Wellington Pool, care of fires,	15.00
James Fairfield, coal (10 tons),	47.50
Total,	$452.50

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Rose A. Manning, teaching balance winter term, 1896,	$36.00
" " " " spring term,	108.00
" " " " fall term,	108.00
" " " " winter term, 1897,	36.00
John Girdler, coal, 1 ton,	5.50
James Fairfield, coal, 1½ tons,	7.50
Sidney S. Cook, care of room and fires,	10.00
Wm. B. Morgan, wood,	13.50
Total,	$324.50

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Paid H. E. Durgin, repairs in entries, Centre schools,	$6.86
Edward Choate, setting glass,	1.25
Geo. H. Woodbury, pointing underpinning, Primary school,	.50
Francis M. Dodge, cash paid for supplies,	17.20
" " " " " American express,	3.25
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	2.81
H. W. Dodge, painting and varnishing book case, Grammar schoolhouse,	1.50
Boston School Supply Co., books and supplies,	30.17
American Book Co., " " "	27.72
Wm. Ware & Co., " " "	13.65
John E. Potter & Co., " " "	25.15
L. B. McClees & Co., " " "	12.75
W. H. Merrill, supplies,	8.83
Oliver Ditson Co., school song books,	11.10

Paid Chas. F. Elliott, book case, Grammar school,	$14.59
" " " labor laying floor, Primary school,	39.38
N. P. Gifford, lumber for floor, " "	37.10
Elbridge Porter, painting and labor on school buildings,	6.70
S. K. Evans, painting Primary schoolroom,	5.20
Wm. B. Morgan, cash paid for locks, West school,	.50
J. F. Porter, paper, curtains and labor, " "	2.75
F. H. Crosby, hanging paper, " "	2.00
L. J. Ross, cotton rope, " "	.53
W. F. Osgood, carpenter's labor, " "	2.25
Geo. H. Woodbury, labor, Neck school,	.50
F. H. Crosby, labor on blackboards,	7.50
J. K. Dodge, setting glass, East school,	.50
Chas. Wilkins, setting glass and repairing fence, Neck school,	1.50
Geo. H. Wyatt, supplies, East school,	1.85
Total,	$285.59

TUITION FOR SCHOLARS OUT OF TOWN.

(Chapter 436, Acts of 1894.)

Paid Town of Danvers, tuition for N. M. Peabody,	$15.00
" " " " Mabel V. Tufts,	15.00
" Essex, " " E. H. Guild,	30.00
" " " " Ethel M. Hall,	30.00
" " " " C. E. McQueeney,	30.00
" " " " G. F. McQueeney,	30.00
" " " " Frances S. Merrill,	30.00
" " " " Arthur H. Ward,	30.00
Total,	$210.00

Highway Department.

WARD ONE.

Paid Addison Williams, labor,	$11.70
" " 100 loads gravel,	5.00
John K. Dodge, labor,	9.04
" " 71 loads gravel,	3.80

Paid Daniel W. Preston, labor,	$13.76
" " " 25 loads gravel,	1.25
Charles E. Wyatt, labor,	5.00
Wm. H. Beck, "	5.00
Philip Morrill, Jr., "	5.80
Total,	$60.35

WARD TWO.

Paid W. S. Putnam,	$36.21
Geo. W. Johnson,	32.69
Frank T. Johnson,	15.68
R. F. Dodge,	5.00
Chas. T. Brown,	30.05
John T. Gentlee,	10.00
F. S. Lovett, Jr.,	3.60
R. F. Dodge, gravel,	15.90
Total,	$149.13

WARD THREE.

Paid Sam'l R. Prince,	$19.86
Zachariah Cole,	12.88
Charles Wilkins,	8.78
Horace A. Killam,	20.03
P. H. Kavanagh,	2.80
Charles Wilkins, extra labor in February (washout),	6.80
Total,	$71.15

WARD FOUR.

Paid Sam'l M. Hill,	$14.84
" " cash paid for gravel,	2.10
Total,	$16.94

WARD FIVE.

Paid Frank H. Tarr,	$98.50
Fred F. Porter,	27.70
Asa W. Trowt,	5.50
Sam'l M. Hill,	58.43
Elbridge Porter,	32.68
E. L. Batchelder,	9.80

Paid H. A. Moulton,	$1.05
Wm. T. Tucker,	24.70
P. H. Kavanagh,	13.38
Dan'l A. Homan,	20.10
Geo. W. Jones,	13.60
Joseph Addison,	7.20
Warren Jones,	17.50
E. K. Batchelder,	3.60
J. L. Batchelder,	4.80
T. Glavin,	1.80
John Williams,	9.00
Elbridge Porter, 23 loads gravel,	2.30
F. A. Standley, 334 loads gravel,	33.40
P. H. Kavanagh, 5 " "	.50
" " labor, 1895,	3.74
F. R. Harper,	2.00
Total,	$391.28

WARD SIX.

Paid Warren Jones,	$3.60
E. K. Batchelder,	3.60
Geo. W. Jones,	7.41
Dan'l A. Homan,	5.45
F. A. Standley,	6.96
Everett Wheeler, 84 loads gravel,	4.20
" " labor, 1895,	1.80
Total,	$33.02

WARD SEVEN.

Paid Joseph T. Haskell,	$8.00
Perley N. Dodge,	8.00
A. R. Bowden,	8.00
H. G. Sears,	11.70
Samuel S. Cook,	39.15
Otis Alley,	10.00
E. H. Flint,	1.70
Chas. W. Bixby,	10.50
Elbridge A. Dodge,	7.80
Jos. G. Kent,	3.90

Paid John H. Tiney,	$3.00
L. F. Hodgdon, 1895,	11.00
M. Sullivan,	5.60
" gravel,	1.14
D. P. Town, "	4.78
Wm. B. Morgan, gravel,	6.12
John Flint, "	.54
Total,	$140.93

WARD EIGHT.

Paid Edward L. Kimball,	$18.80
Chas. E. Kimball,	8.80
Chas. E. Kimball, Jr.,	8.80
J. Sumner Brown,	24.37
" " 106 loads gravel,	10.60
Joseph Wessel,	4.16
Total,	$75.53

WARD NINE.

Paid John R. Sargent,	$9.55
Chas. W. Perkins,	12.28
Michael Sullivan,	4.95
Chas. L. Webber,	2.80
Geo. W. Butman,	1.80
E. K. Batchelder,	1.00
Walter Homan,	2.80
Sam'l M. Hill,	6.12
Total,	$41.30
Total,	$979.65

EXTRA HIGHWAY.

Paid John W. Morgan, blasting ledge near S. R. Prince's,	$66.00
Sam'l R. Prince, labor and gravel, grading,	31.77
H. H. Demsey, sharpening picks, drills, etc.,	5.96
Total,	$103.73

Snow Department.

WARD TWO.

Paid Chas T. Brown,	$19.95
John T. Gentlee,	6.50
Walter S. Putnam,	14.20
Geo. W. Johnson,	1.70
Frank T. Johnson,	16.60
F. S. Lovett,	12.30
J. T. Putnam,	7.90
A. L. Norcross,	1.05
Eddie Ahern,	2.85
A. E. Jones,	2.76
R. F. Dodge,	.40
Total,	$86.21

WARD THREE.

Paid Horace A. Killam,	$15.40
Fred P. Killam,	5.80
Amos Bixby,	4.40
Chas. Wilkins, labor and cash paid,	12.10
Alonzo Young,	8.40
F. M. Dodge,	2.80
David Pingree,	.50
Zachariah Cole,	6.20
S. R. Prince,	11.15
Total,	$66.75

WARD FOUR.

Paid Wm. P. Dodge,	$20.45
Geo. F. Merrill,	6.10
Irving L. Burnham,	2.60
S. P. Burnham,	5.30
Charles Dodge,	1.70
Herbert N. Whiting,	.90
Henry W. Kimball,	.90
Stephen O'Brine,	.90
A. McQueeney,	.80
M. Sullivan,	2.50

Paid Chas. W. Perkins,	$1.80
Geo. F. Dodge,	6.00
Total,	$49.95

WARD FIVE.

Paid J. L. Batchelder,	$ .40
Elbridge Porter,	4.70
Sam'l M. Hill,	7.40
Fred F. Porter,	5.30
E. L. Batchelder,	1.60
Asa W. Trowt,	2.00
John Williams,	1.00
Frank H. Tarr,	24.05
W. S. Cummings,	1.20
Michael Sullivan,	2.40
Wm. T. Tucker,	4.30
E. Nelson Porter,	1.00
Total,	$55.35

WARD SIX.

Paid Daniel A. Homan,	$2.80
Warren Jones,	3.20
E. K. Batchelder,	5.00
Walter Homan,	3.80
George Homan,	1.40
John F. Peach,	.80
Henry A. Cook,	5.70
Fred Knowlton,	3.85
Geo. W. Jones,	1.15
John Caves,	5.00
Frank A. Standley,	1.60
Wm. Brown,	3.20
A. H. Hodgdon,	.70
Eugene Guild,	1.40
Taylor C. Lyford,	3.40
Warren Cobb,	3.35
Frank Crowell,	.75
Chas. T. Herrick,	1.07

Paid Howard Hall,	$1.00
George Marsh,	.60
Total,	$50.40

WARD SEVEN.

Paid Chester S. Cook,	$1.00
Sam'l S. Cook,	14.20
Otis Alley,	9.90
Joseph F. Kent,	6.10
H. Flint,	.80
J. H. Tiney,	1.10
L. F. Hodgdon,	6.90
Ira D. Batchelder,	.40
E. K. Standley,	.40
Perley N. Dodge,	.40
Joseph T. Haskell,	5.60
Sidney Cook,	3.90
Chas. W. Bixby,	8.55
Elbridge A. Dodge,	.40
Everett Standley,	4.10
A. R. Bowden,	4.50
L. W. Batchelder,	5.65
J. W. Cass,	3.70
A. W. Flewelling,	4 90
C. Luscomb,	3.80
Geo. A Perkins,	2.40
J. W. L. Moulton,	2.65
George Barnsted,	4.90
Sam'l C. Alley,	1.70
Wm. Luscomb,	1.60
H. G. Sears,	5.50
Alvin M. Hill,	2.40
Total,	$107.45

WARD NINE.

Paid Daniel E. Homan, labor and cash paid,	$6.20
Chas. W. Perkins,	4.40
Chas. L Webber,	1.90
Geo. W. Butman,	2.00

Paid Perley L. Cummings,	$1.50
H. N. Whiting,	3.50
John R. Sargent,	3.50
Michael Sullivan,	1.60
Henry W. Kimball,	.90
Wm. S. Cummings,	.80
Elmer E. Clark,	1.80
Total,	$28.10

Soldiers Relief.

THOMAS H. CLARK.

Paid for his support, cash in monthly payments,	$78.00

GEORGE W. BABCOCK.

Paid Town of Melrose, rent and supplies for 6 months ending July 1st, 1896,	$90.00
Town of Melrose, rent, supplies and medicine, 6 mos. ending Jan. 1st, 1897,	103.48
Total,	$193.48

MRS. EDWIN PLAISTED.

Paid for her support, cash in monthly payments,	$33.00
Total Soldiers Relief,	$304.48

Poor Department.

FAMILY OF RICHARD BURNHAM.

Paid Town of Danvers, supplies,	$23.00
Lore & Russell, coal,	18.00
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, medical attendance,	30.00
Total,	$71.00

IVORY DAY.

Paid Geo. H. Wyatt, supplies from March 1st, 1896, to Dec. 16th, 1896,	$135.42

FAMILY OF CHAS. H. PIERCE.

Paid City of Beverly, supplies for 12 months,	$72.00

FAMILY OF HARRY WILLIAMS.

Paid Town of Hingham, rent and supplies to Jan. 1, 1897,	$111.92

KIMBALL H. DREW.

Paid James H. Perkins, 2 trusses,	$7.75
" " " medicine,	6.47
Total,	$14.22
Total Poor,	$404.56

BURIAL OF INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Cash paid Wellington Pool, burial expenses of Kimball H. Drew, under Chap. 279, Acts of 1896 (to be reimbursed by the State),	$35.00

Town Hall.

Paid James Fairfield, coal,	$9.50
Edward Choate, setting glass,	.50
Chas. F. Elliott, repairs,	2.38
Wellington Pool, care of town hall and selectmen's room,	41.65
" " " library room,	4.00
A. J. Walker, tuning piano, three times,	7.20
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, oil, brooms, etc.,	6.32
Total,	$71.55

Monument Park.

Paid Wellington Pool, labor,	$9.89
" " cash paid for lawn mowing, fertilizer, etc.,	6.60
Total,	$16.49

Library.

Paid B. H. Conant, expense of trustees to Boston on account of books,	$5.75
B. H. Conant, cash paid expressing on books,	1.25
Lambert & Jackson, binding books, etc.,	7.00
DeWolf, Fiske & Co., books,	98.24
B. H. Conant, incidental expenses for the year,	2.59
Total,	$114.83

Incidentals.

Paid B. H. Conant, care of town clock,	$20.00
Aylward & Huntress, printing town reports,	51.85
P. H. Kavanagh, putting up snow fence and repairing the same,	3.25
P. H. Kavanagh, labor on drain pipe,	.50
Dr. S. E. Thayer, returning births,	1.25
H. W. Dodge, painting and lettering guide boards,	7.35
W. F. Redlon, lumber and nails for snow fence,	2.83
Chas. F. Elliott, labor and stock on guide boards,	2.45
" " " repairing hay scales,	2.00
Greenough & Cushing, ink,	1.25
Wellington Pool, cash paid for feather dusters,	.65
" " " " dog license book,	1.00
" " " " journey to Salem to pay dog license money,	1.00
Wellington Pool, cash taking down and putting up funnel,	.85
Wellington Pool, cash paid for halyards and repairing flag,	.85
Wellington Pool, returning deaths as undertaker,	6.00
" " care of soldiers cemetery lot,	2.00
Wenham Veteran Association (town appropriation)	25.00
S. Hemenway & Son, American Ensign,	11.50
C. A. Lawrence, drain pipe (used at East Wenham)	4.00
H. D. Stillman, conveying library books to East Wenham branch library,	10.00

Paid Abner Andrews, labor on Pond hill railing,	$5.20
Putnam & Pope, lumber, " " "	16.35
James H. Perkins, labor " " "	8.80
Geo. W. Jones, cedar posts " " "	8.70
Warren Jones, labor on Pond hill and in cemetery,	8.65
James H. Perkins, Jr., paper, envelopes, blank books, etc.,	2.97
" " " cash paid for tax bills 1895–96,	4.50
" " " use of telephone,	.70
James H. Perkins, trimming shade trees on account of L. &. B. S. Railway,	3.00
Frank E. Perkins, drain pipe and use of horse,	2.67
S. M. Hill, hauling drain pipe,	3.00
Village Improvement Society, (½ expense spraying trees),	12.50
Putnam & Pope, lumber for Pingree's bridge,	48.59
John R. Sargent, labor on " "	12.00
" " repairing town pump,	.50
S. K. Evans, labor on snow fence,	1.20
" " " John Richards' fence,	1.00
Dan'l E. Homan, " " " "	.80
" " for shovel broken on Pond hill,	.75
Putnam & Pope, lumber for repairing hay scales,	7.52
Milo A. Newhall & Co., printing order book,	4.40
Mrs. E. Plummer, housing road machine,	5.00
Joseph M. Parsons, drain pipe,	6.48
H. E. Durgin, repairing road machine,	1.95
Wm. T. Tucker, error in tax bill 1895,	1.50
Wellington Pool, cash paid for expressing,	1.55
" " administering oaths to town officers,	3.25
Harry O. Brewer, care of street light,	10.00
E. K. Batchelder, labor on fence, Ward five,	.60
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, stationery and postage for town officers,	2.00
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, nails, spikes, etc., for railing,	1.43
" " " oil can, oil, matches, etc., street light,	9.96
Wellington Pool, acknowledging cemetery deeds,	.50
James H. Perkins, labor on bridge, Ward five,	1.00

Paid James H. Perkins, Jr., use of telephone,	$1.60
D. H. Smith, lumber for Pingree's bridge, 1894,	1.50
Total,	$357.70

Fire Department.

Paid John C. Saur, coal,	$7.09
L. E. Libey, rope and water pails,	1.50
F. H. Tarr, watching fire (G. W. Dodge's),	2.00
C. F. Herrick, " " (J. E. Spinney's),	2.00
L. F. Hodgdon, " " " "	2.00
James Fairfield, coal,	9.75
Enon Fire Association, E. L. Batchelder, Treasurer, (38 members),	78.00
R. P. Murphy, window and expressing,	1.15
H. E. Durgin, repairs on hose, etc.,	1.00
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	6.17
Chas. H. Stanton, watching fire (J. E. Spinney's),	2.00
Total,	$112.66

Town Officers.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Elbridge Porter, services for year ending March, 1896,	$26.00
Elbridge Porter, taking census of school children,	4.00
Wm. B. Morgan, services for year ending March, 1896,	26.00
Francis M. Dodge, " " " " "	56.00
Total,	$112.00

MODERATOR.

Paid Abbott Johnson, services annual town meeting,	$3.00

CONSTABLES AND POLICE.

Paid Chester S. Cook, posting warrant (town meeting),	$2.50
F. T. Johnson, services for the year,	3.00
C. H. McQueeney, officer's fees District Court (No. 8461),	5.44

Paid C. H. McQueeney, posting warrant (State election),	$2.50
" " serving dog warrant,	5.00
" " services for the year,	12.00
Total,	$30.44

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Wellington Pool, salary for the year,	$50.00
" " cash paid J. H. Choate, printing letter heads for town clerk's use,	4.00
Wellington Pool, recording and returning births, deaths and marriages,	19.80
Wellington Pool, returning vote for representatives,	2.00
" " stationery and postage,	2.89
Total,	$78.69

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Chester S. Cook, services 1895,	$3.00
Frank H. Tarr, " "	2.50
Chester S. Cook, 2½ days' services ending Feb., 1897,	5.00
E. C. Hall, painting signs,	1.00
F. E. Moynahan, printing notices,	2.50
Chas. W. Perkins, services for the year,	3.00
" " cash paid for legal advice (T. W. Batchelder case),	5.00
Total,	$22.00

ASSESSORS.

Paid R. F. Dodge, 10½ days' services,	$21.00
James H. Perkins, 11 days' services,	22.00
N. P. Perkins, 10½ " "	21.00
Total,	$64.00

REGISTRARS.

Paid R. F. Dodge, 7 sessions,	$7.00
J. H. Perkins, 7 "	7.00
N. P. Perkins, 6 "	6.00
Wellington Pool, 5 "	5.00
" " posting notices,	5.00

Paid Wellington Pool, cash paid for care of Wenham Neck chapel,	$ .25
Total,	$30.25

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Paid James H. Perkins, Jr., collecting taxes, 1895, salary,	$50.00

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Paid James H. Perkins, journeys out of town and cash paid,	$5.10
" " services 1 year,	5.00
N. P. Perkins, " "	5.00
R. F. Dodge, " "	5.00
Total,	$20.10

TREASURER.

Paid Wm. F. Trowt, salary for the year,	$50.00
" " 1 day to Boston and expense in case of Waters vs. town of Wenham,	2.00
Total,	$52.00

SELECTMEN.

Paid N. P. Perkins, distributing town reports,	$1.00
" " 13½ days' service,	27.00
" " incidental service,	5.00
" " 4½ days' locating L. & B. St. R. R. Co.,	9.00
" " perambulating town lines,	8.00
" " 4 days to Boston and Salem and expenses on account of hearings before Highway Commission, Salem Water Board, and Waters' injunction case,	7.00
J. H. Perkins, distributing town reports,	2.00
" " 16 days' services,	32.00
" " locating L. & B. St. R. R. Co.,	16.00
" " 3 days to Boston and expense on account of hearings before Highway Commission and Waters' injunction case,	8.00
J. H. Perkins, perambulating town lines,	8.00
" " journeys out of town and cash paid,	8.15

Paid R. F. Dodge, distributing town reports,	$1.00
" " 16½ days' service,	33.00
" " 3 days locating L. & B. St. R. R. Co.,	6.00
" " 4 days to Boston and Salem and expense on account of hearings before Highway Commission, Salem Water Board and Waters' injunction case,	10.00
R. F. Dodge, perambulating town lines,	10.00
" " journey out of town,	1.25
Total,	$192.40

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Paid B. H. Conant, ballot clerk, State election,	$2.00
Frank H. Tarr, teller, " "	2.00
Henry Hobbs, ballot clerk, " "	2.00
Total,	$6.00

AUDITOR.

Paid Horace E. Durgin, services, Feb., 1896,	$3.00

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE AND PROVISIONS.

Paid Henry Alley, services for month of Feb., 1896,	$8.40
" " salary for year commencing March, 1896, in part,	35.00
Total,	$43.40

Care of Tramps.

Paid Henry Hobbs, care for 6 days,	$1.00
Geo. A. Herrick, crackers,	6.34
James H. Perkins, cash paid car fare of disabled tramp to Portland,	2.50
James H. Perkins, Jr., for disinfectants,	1.00
John C. Richards, care of prisoner,	.80
" " extra care for sick traveller,	9.00
" " care of 480 tramps, salary to March 1st, 1897,	44.00
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	1.50
Total,	$66.14

State and Military Aid.

Paid Warren Larrabee,	Act of 1894, Chap. 301,	$48.00
Harriet E. Larrabee,	" " " "	48.00
Joseph B. Woodman,	" " " "	48.00
Warren Burpee,	" " " "	48.00
Elbridge K. Standley,	" " " "	48.00
Kimball H. Drew,	" " " "	24.00
John F. Peach,	" " " "	54.00
Daniel A. Homan,	" " " 279,	120.00
Benj. F. Young,	" " " "	144.00
Phillip Morrill, Jr.,	" " " "	56.00
Total,		$638.00

Abatements 1895-96.

Charles A. Munsey, poll and personal, not found,		$2.25
Estate of Hiram Norcross, taken by Salem Water Board,		5.50
Frank Preston,	" " " "	5.00
Paul M. Barnes, poll,		2.00
Chas. O. Putnam, not liable,		4.00
Chas. H. Elliott, poll and personal,		3.25
Harry Monies, not liable.		2.00
Edward Hilton, poll and personal, not found,		2.75
Hermon W. Funke, poll,	"	2.00
Geo. Smith,	" "	2.00
Albert E. Tosier,	" "	2.00
Elmer K. Dodge, too much real,		.25
Chas. H. Homan, not liable,		2.00
Clarence Estes, poll, not found,		2.00
Geo. P. Bowden, " not liable,		2.00
Geo. W. Casson, poll and personal, deceased,		2.25
Wm. H. Cook, too much real,		2.00
Fred M. Batchelder, poll, not liable,		2.00
Heirs of Ezra S. Foster, taken by Salem Water Board,		2.00
1896 J. Kavanagh, too much personal,		.46
C. H. Tilton, poll, not liable,		2.00
Heirs of Elizabeth C. Dodge, too much real,		.23
Elbridge Porter, error,		.45
Total,		$50.39

Summary of Town Expenses.

Schools,	$1,757.40
School Incidentals,	285.59
High School Tuition,	210.00
Highways,	979.63
Extra Highway,	103.73
Clearing Snow,	444.21
Soldiers Relief,	304.48
Poor Expenses,	404.56
Burial of Indigent Soldier,	35.00
Town Hall,	71.55
Park,	16.49
Library,	114.83
Incidentals,	357.70
Fire Department,	112.66
Town Officers,	707.28
Tramps,	66.14
State and Military Aid,	638.00
Abatements for 1895–96,	50.39
Total,	$6,659.64

Tax Collector's Accounts.

ELBRIDGE PORTER, COLLECTOR FOR 1894, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

Balance due on tax list, 1894,	$107.56
By payment to W. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	16.50
Uncollected taxes,	$91.06

JAMES H. PERKINS, JR., COLLECTOR FOR 1895, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

To balance on tax list for 1895,	$968.56
Interest on taxes, " "	46.89
	$1,015.45
By payments to W. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	$779.45
Uncollected taxes,	236.00
Total,	$1,015.45

JAMES H. PERKINS, JR., COLLECTOR FOR 1896, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

To tax list for 1896 committed to him,	$6,984.43
" addition to tax list,	8.00
" interest on taxes,	11.77
Total,	$7,004.20
By payment to W. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	$5,740.06
Discount on taxes,	68.30
Uncollected taxes,	1,195.84
Total,	$7,004.20

Treasurer's Account.

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH W. F. TROWT, TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the treasury, Feb. 14, 1896,	$2,601.91
From the Commonwealth, national bank tax,	222.17
" " corporation tax,	313.53
" " income of Mass. school fund,	330.06
" " on account of cattle inspection,	52.70
" " State aid, Chap. 301, Acts 1894,	264.00
" " Military aid, " 279, " "	144.00
From County Treasurer, dog licenses,	174.14
" Clerk of First District Court, for fines,	6.65
" City of Salem, on account of taxes on land taken for Longham water supply,	81.67
" Wellington Pool, for rent of Town hall,	56.25
" " " sale of town histories,	5.00
" sale of cemetery lots,	50.00
" B. H. Conant, library fines,	9.25
" town scales,	18.28
" James H. Perkins, Jr., for druggist's license,	1.00
" butchers' licenses,	6.00
" John R. Sargent, for old lumber, etc.,	3.00
" Elbridge Porter, for old lumber, etc.,	1.50

From James H. Perkins, Jr., on account of taxes,	$6,519.50
" Elbridge Porter, " "	16.50
Total,	$10,877.11

PAYMENTS.

Interest on town debt,	$80.00
" " Allen cemetery fund,	22.10
" " Mary Perkins fund,	190.72
County tax,	601.26
State tax,	472.50
Deposited in Salem Savings Bank towards reduction of town debt,	500.00
Selectmen's orders,	6,659.64
Balance in the treasury,	2,350.89
Total,	$10,877.11

Financial Statement of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Two notes due State of Massachusetts,	$2,000.00
Note due trustees of " Allen cemetery fund,"	475.00
Interest due " " " " to Jan. 29, 1897,	35.50
Note due trustees of " Mary Perkins fund,"	3,000.00
Interest due " " " " to Feb. 15, 1897,	295.28
Money raised for " Porter street extension,"	300.00
Due cemetery commissioners,	172.00
Estimate of outstanding bills,	700.00
Total,	$6977.78

RESOURCES.

Cash in the treasury,	$2,350.89
Due from the State, for state and military aid,	478.00
" F. P. Stanton, tax collector, 1893,	2.18
" Elbridge Porter, tax collector, 1894,	91.06
" James H. Perkins, Jr., tax collector, 1895,	236.00
" " " " " " 1896,	1,195.84
" Salem Savings Bank, deposit,	1,052.22

Due from State of Mass., balance on national bank and corporation tax,	$100.00
Due from State of Mass., under Chap. 279, Acts of 1896,	35.00
Total,	$5,541.19
Balance against the town Feb. 13, 1897,	$1,436.59

The Selectmen recommend the following sums to defray the ordinary expenses :—

Schools,	$1,400.00
School Incidentals,	200.00
Tuition for Scholars out of town,	200.00
Incidentals,	1,500.00
Highways,	1,200.00
Library,	150.00
Fire Department,	100.00
Interest,	225.00
For payment of town debt,	500.00
Soldiers Relief,	300.00
Poor,	400.00
Total,	$6,175.00

List of Jurors proposed by the Selectmen.

Geo. W. Jones, laborer.
Simeon Dodge, shoemaker.
Elbridge Porter, farmer.
Fred F. Abbott, carpenter.
Horace E. Durgin, blacksmith.
Geo. W. Patch, Butcher.
Geo. V. Bowden, shoemaker.
Charles F. Elliott, carpenter.
Arthur D. Prince, farmer.
Geo. E. Perkins, carpenter.
N. P. Perkins, farmer.
Elbridge K. Standley, farmer.
Frank E. Perkins, butcher.
Edmund K. Batchelder, farmer.

Assessors' Report.

Number of male polls assessed,	256
Tax on each poll,	$2.00
Value of personal estate,	$119,475.00

Value of buildings,	$357,650.00
Value of land,	$226,400.00
Total valuation,	$703,525.00
Total tax, polls and overlays,	$6,984.43
Rate per thousand,	$9.20
Number of horses assessed,	220
" " cows "	362
" " sheep "	4
" " swine "	104
" " neat cattle other than cows,	6
" " fowls,	2,000
" " dwelling houses,	238
" " acres of land,	4,537
" " tax payers,	478
" " " " on property,	391
" " " " on poll only,	87

Report of the Trustees of Mary Perkins Fund.

Amount of income on hand Feb. 1st, 1896,	$336.66
Interest to Feb. 1st, 1897,	150.00
	$486.66
Paid to different persons in accordance with the provisions of the bequest,	190.72
Unexpended,	$295.94

Perambulation of Town Lines.

(Chapter 27 of Public Statutes.)

In company with the Selectmen of the adjoining towns and the Mayor and Aldermen of Beverly, we have inspected the several town boundary stones and renewed the marks on the same, in accordance with the above statute. There were found on the Manchester line 6 stones, on the Beverly line 14, on the Danvers line 7, on the Topsfield line 7, and on the Hamilton line 14; in all 48.

Registrar's Report.

Whole number of assessed polls,	272
" " male voters registered Nov., 1896,	233
" " female " " " "	13

N. P. PERKINS,
J. H. PERKINS,
R. F. DODGE,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

Auditor's Report.

The undersigned having examined the accounts of the several officers finds the same correct with vouchers for the payments.

OTIS D. BREWER, Auditor.

Town Clerk's Report, 1896.

Twenty-six births, sixteen marriages and twenty-four deaths were recorded in Wenham in 1896.

Of the births, eleven were males and fifteen females.

DEATHS.

1896.		yrs.	mos.	days
Jan. 3,	Elizabeth W. Tilton (died in Boston),	60	4	2
Mar. 13,	Lucretia P. Hobbs,	69	2	21
June 18,	Charlotte P. Dodge,	53	8	14
" 22,	Charles Baker,*	90		21
July 14,	Nellie L. Wildes,*		3	10
Aug. 16,	Francis W. Merrill,	86	5	29
" 28,	Sadie G. Landers,		6	18
Oct. 26,	Eben Rogers,*	68		
" 30,	Mary L. Tinkham,	33	9	29
Nov. 1,	Helen C. Cummings,*		3	6
" 14,	George W. Johnson,*	53	7	
Dec. 17,	Thomas Lefavour,*	77	2	24
" 22,	Ivory Day,*	82	4	

* Removed for interment elsewhere.

BROUGHT TO WENHAM FOR INTERMENT.

1896.		yrs.	mos.	days
Mar. 28,	Ivory Edgecomb,	68	2	
April 4,	George W. Wood,	43	11	26
May 15,	Hattie F. Marsh,	26	4	6
" 16,	Carrie E. Balsley,	33	6	17
" 27,	Henry A. Horner, (Co. K, 25th Mich. Vol. Inf.),	54		
June 8,	Mary A. Bishop,	39	6	27
Sept. 2,	Betsy B. Gage,	78	7	19
" 27,	Emily F. Kilham,	64	9	5
Oct. 21,	Sarah Goodale,	69	3	
Nov. 5,	Ralph E. Bartlett,	7	2	8
" 8,	Thursey A. Merrill,	75		4

DOGS.

One hundred and one dogs—ninety-three males and eight females—were licensed; and from the fees received therefor, the sum of two hundred and five dollars and eighty cents was paid into the county treasury.

The sum refunded to the town was one hundred and seventy-four dollars and fourteen cents.

WELLINGTON POOL, Town Clerk.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

ESSEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the said town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on MONDAY, the first day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2. To act on the annual report of the Selectmen, School Committee, Trustees of the Public Library, and other town officers.

3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the year ensuing, make appropriation of the same, and determine the manner of collecting.

5. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, said loan or loans to be paid from the taxes of the current year.

6. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors proposed by the Selectmen.

7. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the expenses of "Memorial Day," under the direction of the soldiers and sailors of Wenham.

8. To see if the town will raise a sufficient sum of money to pay the state and military aid for the coming year.

9. To see what action the town will take in regard to truant scholars.

10. To hear and act on the report of the Committee to whom was referred the matter of a new bridge at Wenham causeway.

11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to defend the town, in case that the trustees of the Waters estate should bring a suit for damages, on account of alleged trespass and inconvenience caused by widening and cutting down the grade of the highway on "Pond hill" so called, or act anything thereon.

12. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The ballot shall be "Yes" or "No."

13. To see if the town will vote to procure a number of "Chemical Fire Extinguishers," or appoint a committee to enquire in regard to the merits of the same, or act anything thereon.

14. To see if the town will vote to repair the town clock or act anything thereon.

15. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town House, one at the Baptist Meeting House, one at A. D. & W. F. Trowt's store, one at the chapel at Mapleville, and one at the eastern part of the town, near the house of John K. Dodge, in said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this thirteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

N. P. PERKINS,
J. H. PERKINS,
R. F. DODGE,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

For the Year Ending December 31,

1896.

1897.
MILO A. NEWHALL & CO., PRINTERS,
SALEM, MASS.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee of the Town of Wenham would respectfully submit the following report:

In addition to the Statute requisition of the Commonwealth, making it obligatory upon the School Committee to make a detailed report of the condition of the several public schools, it seems highly proper that such a report should annually be prepared and submitted. Those having been intrusted with the school interests are thus enabled to determine whether advancements along educational lines are being made. Tax payers and parents are also made familiar with the use to which their money is put as well as the method of instruction to which their children are committed. Success in the department of education as in any other department of labor, depends in no small degree upon the discrimination of an intelligent public. If we are able for any considerable length of time to receive the indorsement of an enlightened public sentiment we need have little or no fear, as a general rule, that we are very far from the true course to be followed, and if by comparing the work of the past year with the one that preceded it, we can discover points in which improvements have been made, it is convincing evidence that the year's work has in some degree been a success.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

The committee received and paid out for the maintenance of the public schools as follows:

Town appropriation,	$1,400.00
State school fund,	330.06
Dog tax,	174.14
	$1,904.20
Paid for teaching,	$1,526.00
" fuel,	120.00
" care of rooms and building fires,	75.15
	$1,721.15
Paid for books, stationery, school room supplies and school incidentals,	$280.78

Number of persons in town on the first day of May, 1896, between five and fifteen years of age, 159.

Number of public schools, 5.

Number of different pupils of all ages in the public schools during the year, 132.

Number attending during the year over fifteen years of age, 4.

Average membership of all the schools, 108.2.

Average attendance in all the public schools during the year, 100.

The per cent of attendance based upon the average membership, 92.42.

There were the same number of schools the past year as formerly, and of the same grades, viz.: primary, mixed and grammar. These were all, at the commencement of the year, put in charge of their former teachers, but during the year changes occurred in the East School and Centre Primary.

The schools have been visited by the committee as often as once each calendar month, when they were in session, and some of them oftener, according to their peculiar needs; and it is with pleasure that the committee, from their personal inspection of the teachers' work, in their respective schools, their methods of instruction, mode of discipline, manner of conducting recitations, etc., can bear testimony to their earnestness and faithfulness in the discharge of their school duties.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS, ETC.

All of the buildings are in very fair condition, and have required but little done to them in the way of repairs during the past year. The schoolroom of the Centre Primary has been much improved in its appearance in having a new floor laid, as well as being made more inviting by the application—during the week of vacation at Christmas—of a coat of paint. For the convenience of the School Board and the better preservation of the school books and supplies which are constantly in the hands of the committee for use in schools, a book case has been made to order and is now in possession of the committee.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

While in some of our schools the per cent of daily attendance during the past year was very high, reaching 98.7, in others it was altogether below what it should have been in order to secure the

largest returns for the time and money spent. By an examination of the School Registers as to this matter of attendance, it would seem that *some of the parents* of the children belonging to our schools feel at liberty to take their children out of school a day or more just when they think best, and return them to school when so inclined, regardless of the loss of omitted lessons to their child and also of their hinderance to those pupils who are constant in their attendance. The time spent in explaining a principle of a preceding lesson, lost by absence, is so much unjustly taken from the whole class. The time of the teacher belongs to the class and not especially to a delinquent member. As the space allotted to this report will not permit of a farther consideration of this matter, therefore, we will briefly say to those parents who feel at liberty for any cause to keep their children from school one or more days out of a week, remember that in doing this, you are depriving your children of their inherent rights,—the opportunity and privileges of obtaining a common school education.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

During the year the committee have had under consideration the matter of text books on the subject of arithmetic, and while they have felt that a change was needed in the text books now in use on this subject, and while they have examined the works of several authors, they have not as yet found a series that in all respects would, in their judgment, fully justify a change, so that the matter is still under contemplation.

The only change made during the year was in copy books, and this was not effected until the last week of the school year, so that no report can be made in regard to the results of the change. In this change of copy books, an entire change in the system of penmanship was introduced, viz.: from the system of slant writing to that of vertical writing. This change was not made in haste, or without due consideration; for the subject of vertical writing has been under consideration for the last two years, and it was not until the committee had made themselves acquainted by personal examination of the professed merits of several authors who have prepared copy books in this new system, and after becoming convinced that the system was fast finding its way into the public schools of the State, and, farther, that it was the true method to be

pursued in the schools of Wenham, that the vertical writing was adopted. From the books examined, those by A. F. Newlands and R. K. Row were selected as the copy books to be used in all of the public schools in the town, and received, not only the unanimous approval of the committee, but also of the entire corps of teachers.

MUSIC.

At the last annual town meeting it was voted, "To appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00) for teaching music in the public schools,—if in the judgment of the school committee they deem it best."

The committee found themselves somewhat embarrassed as to the best course to take in order to carry into effect the vote of the town. They were a unit in regard to the wisdom of having music taught in our schools, but as to the most desirable and wisest way to accomplish this, and at the same time secure the best and most lasting results, was not so clear to their minds, especially as they remembered the experiment made to do the same thing some four years since. At the time to which reference is made, the committee, in consequence of the excellent results realized during that year, felt that the matter of music, in the public schools of the town, was a settled fact, and that it had come to stay. But at the next annual town meeting no appropriation was made for continuing a work so well begun, hence no special attention has been given to the subject of vocal music from that time to the beginning of the past school year, though to the credit of the teachers be it said, they have done what they could, in the meantime, to intersperse singing,—though not taught as a science—into the routine work of school exercises.

At the opening of the spring term of the past year, the committee gave the subject their careful attention, with a view of formulating some plan to be adopted for carrying the expressed wish of the town into effect in regard to music, and decided to have the teachers, so far as they were prepared, to give instruction in the elementary work of vocal music in their respective schools. This arrangement seemed to work measurably well in the West, Centre Primary, and Grammar schools, each of which being furnished with an organ; but the teachers of the Neck and East schools, not having even this aid, did not feel themselves competent to give instruction

in music independent of a special teacher in that branch, and Miss Sarah C. Prince was engaged to give one lesson a week in each of these schools, and the work thus begun and mapped out, to be supplemented by that of the teacher in each of the respective schools. Miss Prince commenced her work at the beginning of the winter term, only four weeks before the close of the school year. From the interest that the pupils and patrons of all of the schools have manifested in the introduction of music into our schools, to be taught as a science, and the evidence of very satisfactory results attainable in that branch of school work, the committee would respectfully recommend that an annual appropriation be made for the special purpose of continuing the study and practice of vocal music in all of the public schools in town.

EAST SCHOOL.

At the beginning of the spring term, in April, this school was given in charge to Miss Mary E. Dodge, whose success as a teacher, during her previous connection with the school, was considered by the committee a sufficient guarantee for a continuance of her labors in the same school. Very soon after entering upon her school work, she found it necessary, on account of physical indisposition, to vacate her position. The vacancy was filled by the appointment of Miss Florence E. Dodge, of Hamilton, as her successor.

In visiting the school, we were satisfied that Miss Dodge endeavored to give her undivided attention faithfully to her school work. She brought to the discharge of her duties as teacher a large share of energy, and was in no sense wanting in interest. The impression made during our first visit was that the interests of the pupils were entrusted to the care and guidance of a faithful and zealous teacher, and subsequent inspection of the school fully confirmed this impression. Of the school, while under her care, we are able to speak in terms of commendation. The teacher, though previously inexperienced, was earnest and conscientious in the performance of her school duties; mild, yet firm in her discipline; and the kindest relations existed between the teacher and her pupils. The attendance throughout the year was excellent, the school still holding the first rank in its daily attendance. The per cent for the year was 98.6, being a gain of six-tenths per cent over the record of the preceding year.

All of those who have in any way contributed to the attainment of so high a record of attendance have shown their appreciation of the school privileges enjoyed, and are to be commended for such personal aid in school work.

The examination, which was made by the committee on Monday P. M., January 4th, was in a high degree satisfactory. In reading, very decided progress was noticeable; the pupils were very familiar with the marks of punctuation and use of capital letters, and read, for the most part, with correct emphasis and clearness of articulation. The spelling was excellent. The pupils in geography and arithmetic were very prompt in their answers and generally correct, all blackboard work correctly and neatly done. The class in grammar and the two classes in language gave a very gratifying showing of their year's achievements in this branch of school study. The recitations in history were excellent; the pupils indicated a very thorough acquaintance with the portions studied.

The work of the year, as revealed by the examination of the several classes in their respective studies showed conclusively that a good return had been made for the privileges enjoyed and the money spent. Promptness and distinctness were pleasing features of the examination.

Not absent during the summer term—Fannie K. Wyatt and Ida A. Hawkins. During the year—Nellie E. Preston, Clara E. Williams and Addie M. Williams.

NECK SCHOOL.

The school in this district has, during the past few years, been growing less and less in the number of its pupils until it was feared by the committee that some other provision would have to be made by the town for the schooling of the children here to be educated. During the past year those fears have been dissipated by a large increase in its number so that now it compares favorably, in point of pupils, with the other schools in town.

The school was under the charge of Miss Laura G. Johnson, whose experience and former connection with it warranted the committee in retaining her services for another year, with the expectation and belief, based upon her previous success, that those services would be even more efficient and beneficial to those entrusted to her care and instruction than during the former year of labor. In our visits,

from time to time, we were gratified with the spirit of mutual confidence, kindness and good will that was apparent; this, together with the interest shown by the pupils in their school work, the neatness of the school-room, and the general system that was exhibited in the routine work of the school made the school-room a pleasant and interesting place. The order and discipline were good and the pupils, whenever put to test by the committee, furnished, by the promptness and general accuracy of their answers, evidences of a good degree of progress in the studies pursued.

We regret to find, by an examination of the school register, that the attendance was far from satisfactory, the per cent of daily attendance through the year being only 87.4; and this without any extenuating cause—so far as is known to the committee—such as might arise from a general sickness among the children. It is hoped that the patrons of this school will give this matter their earnest attention with a view to its correction.

The examination, by the committee, of the year's work was made Tuesday P. M., January 5th, and that of most of the classes was very satisfactory. The work of the youngest pupils was mostly from the blackboard, in which they manifested a very lively interest; and the promptness with which they would name the letter or word or read the sentences written by the teacher was very pleasing and highly commendable. The reading was somewhat deficient in proper emphasis and distinctness of enunciation, while the classes in spelling were excellent. In geography, the ground covered was ample and the attainments of the pupils, as revealed by the examination, satisfactory. Mental arithmetic did not receive as much attention as its importance required. The classes in written arithmetic gave a very good showing of their work in this branch; the pupils were quick in giving definitions and rules, clear in their statement of principles and correct in their demonstrations upon the blackboards. In grammar, the work done in analysis was excellent; but in the practical application of the principles and rules of technical grammar to parsing, the exhibit was not as satisfactory. The classes in language and those in the history of the United States were especially good.

Not absent during the summer term—Lucy Cole. Fall term—Alice B. Dodge, Lucy Cole, Louis A. Dodge, Alice F. Lovett, Amy S. Lovett and Roy Young. Winter term—Roy Young. During the year—Blanche Young.

WEST SCHOOL.

It was greatly to the advantage of this school that Miss Rose A. Manning, its teacher of the previous year, was retained. The loss of a good teacher is always unprofitable, and, at least, a temporary evil. A certain amount of time is necessarily spent by each new teacher in which to learn the peculiarities of the position, the disposition of the pupils, etc., before successful labor is performed. Skill results from continued effort in any department of labor. During a period of transition, both teacher and pupils necessarily labor under disadvantages—a loss of time and of public funds. In the present case no time was lost in the organization, for the teacher's previous experience enabled her to commence her year's work understandingly.

Miss Manning, in her method of teaching, is not confined to the text books—using them only as means toward the unfolding of a subject. It was pleasing to note the manner in which she conducted her recitations, which clearly manifested that she thoroughly comprehended, not only the intent, but also the minutiae, of the subject under consideration. No visitor, interested in school work, could listen to the class drill at the time of recitation without being impressed that thoroughness and accuracy in all that pertained to mental discipline were here the imperative rule. The teacher's mode of questioning her pupils was a marked feature in her instruction. To make sure that the pupil fully understood the principle under consideration, the same question would be asked in several different ways—a method we cannot too strongly commend, tending as it does to cultivate and strengthen the reasoning faculties of the child instead of burdening the memory with mere verbiage. Whenever visited, the school was found in excellent order, school-room neat, and the school atmosphere indicative of pleasant relations between teacher and pupils.

The examination of the school, January 6th, A. M., furnished ample proof of earnest, faithful and persistent effort on the part of the teacher to give to her pupils that kind of mental training that would aid them in laying a mental foundation that would stand the test and prepare them to meet and discharge the practical duties of life. The reading and spelling were generally good, marred only in a few instances by indistinctness. Much and very thorough work had been

done in mental arithmetic, in which all of the classes were prompt in giving answers and explanation. The examination in written arithmetic exhibited a good degree of proficiency on the part of the pupils, who were very ready with their answers and clear in their explanations; the ground covered by the several classes was from fractions through mensuration. The definitions, parts of speech, rules and principles, and their practical application given by the classes in grammar, were very commendable. The recitations in language and history were excellent. The classes in geography gave a very satisfactory exhibit of the labor accomplished in this branch. The results of the year's work were to the committee thoroughly satisfactory.

Through the personal efforts of the resident committee, Mr. W. G. Morgan, money was collected and an organ purchased and placed in the school-room, which, in connection with the singing exercises, the marching of the pupils in and out of the school-room at the opening, recess, and close of each session, added greatly to the attraction of the daily routine.

In attendance, the school has made a gain over its own record for the preceding year of 1.3 per cent, and still maintains the second highest rank among the schools in town. The per cent of daily attendance for the year was 96.6.

Not absent during the summer term—Arthur Cook and Chester M. Waitt. Fall term—Blanche E. Herrick. Winter term—Arthur Cook, Alice L. Haskell, Blanche E. Herrick, Lester W. Stanley and Chester M. Waitt. During the year—Roscoe B. Batchelder, Ida M. Cook, William M. Cook, George G. Hodgdon, Maud M. Hill, Alice A. Tiney and Ida E. Tiney.

CENTRE PRIMARY.

This school, during the summer term, was in charge of Miss Bertha M. Durgin, of whose experience and ability as a teacher we need not speak, she having taught and disciplined the pupils of this department for the five previous years. It may, in short, be said, however, that Miss Durgin's efforts to raise her pupils to a higher plane of mental development were never, during her connection with the school, more earnestly and successfully put forth than during the first term of the past school year. With the close of the summer term, Miss Durgin closed her relation, as teacher, with the school.

From the large list of applications for the position thus made vacant, the committee, after a very careful examination into the merits of those they considered the most promising and desirable, selected Miss Marion Sanborn, of Kensington, N. H., to fill the vacancy, and she entered upon her work at the beginning of the fall term and continued through the remainder of the school year. The first appearance of the school, after her connection with it, gave very favorable indications of success, and subsequent developments strengthened the prospects. While inspecting the daily routine work of the school, its general system and classification, the teacher's manner and method of conducting school work, it was very apparent that Miss Sanborn was not a stranger to the demands of the school-room. She was untiring in the discharge of her school duties; evidently more intent upon imparting substantial instruction than in making a mere show. There was a large number of beginners, those who were taking their first lessons in school life; these young minds needed the superintendence of a patient and earnest guide. Such a guide was Miss Sanborn and she is deserving of commendation for the thoughtful care with which she watched their mental steps and the progress she made in leading them through the rudiments of education; of the school while under her care we are able to speak in terms of approval.

The examination, which was made January 7 A. M., furnished satisfactory evidence that every effort had been made by the teacher to meet all reasonable requirements. The pupils were freely questioned by teacher and committee on what they had studied, and gave their answers generally promptly and for the most part correctly. The class in numbers and the one in addition and subtraction gave an excellent showing of what they had accomplished in their respective work. The class in fractions performed their work on the blackboard with neatness and, generally, correctly; but were deficient in being able to explain and give reasons for their work. In language fair results were shown. In reading and spelling—which constitutes a prominent part of the school work of many of the pupils—commendable progress had been made. The work in geography was very gratifying. The results of the examination proved to those having the supervision of the school that the selection of Miss Sanborn, to complete the year's school work, was not an unwise one.

The attendance during the last term was very much interrupted

in consequence of the prevalence of the hooping-cough among the children. The per cent of daily attendance for the entire year was 89.5.

Not absent during the summer term—Leroy F. Clark and Florence A. Alley. Fall term—Gertrude Kimball, Edith C. Alley, Richard Gould and Leroy F. Clark. Winter term—Edith C. Alley, Gertrude Kimball, Freddie Kilham, Raymond Tarr and Georgie Addison.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

As a general rule, the estimated value of a teacher to a school is to be measured by the results realized from his or her labor in that school. Taking this rule as the standard of merit, then those who have had the general supervision of this department during the preceding three years feel that they were more than fortunate in being able to retain the services of Mrs. Grace R. Gould, and that in doing so they made no mistake and continued the right teacher in the right place; and the patrons of the school may well be congratulated that their children were placed under the instruction and discipline of so faithful, conscientious and successful a teacher. Mrs. Gould's personal knowledge of her pupils' acquirements enabled her to organize her school and classify her pupils intelligently, so that there was no delay in at once entering upon the work of the year. Teacher and scholars labored together with an apparent interest in, and love for, the work in which they were engaged, and the mental foundation well laid in all the required branches of study. Visits to the school during the year, by the committee, were rendered pleasant and enjoyable by the progressive condition in which the school was invariably found, from tests made from time to time in the several branches taught, which revealed the fact that the mind was being intellectually strengthened and the mental powers developed. The discipline and attendance through the entire year were good. The teacher continued the practice of the previous year of subjecting her pupils to the tests of written examinations, and, unless we are greatly mistaken, the tests thus made have done very much to improve the scholarship in this department. With a school thus organized, instructed and disciplined, results of a very satisfactory nature are to be expected, and these were more than realized in the examination by the committee which was made on

Thursday P. M., January 7th. The classes in reading gave evidence of careful training by the teacher, and attention to the pauses, emphasis and distinctness of enunciation on the part of the pupil. While the recitations of the second and third classes in mental arithmetic were good and the ground covered ample, that of the first class was deserving of special approval for the promptness in giving answers and the fulness and clearness of the explanations. The examination of the classes in written arithmetic was thorough, the practical tests to which the pupils were subjected and the readiness and accuracy with which they responded, both orally and by their work on the blackboards gave unquestionable proof that the work of the year in this study had been productive of excellent results. In grammar, a good exhibit of the year's work was shown, definitions correctly given, principles and rules promptly applied to parsing and analysis, showing a practical familiarity with the study. In geography, the pupils revealed a familiar acquaintance with the subjects and countries upon which they were examined. The spelling of the entire school was entirely satisfactory. The classes in history manifested by their readiness to respond to questions, either from teacher or committee, that they were very familiar with the work of the year. Low speaking, on the part of some of the pupils, was a fault that detracted somewhat from their otherwise good recitations. The examination was perfectly satisfactory. The improvement, as shown by the examination, was very apparent, reflecting great credit upon the teacher.

Not absent during the summer term—Marcia K. Perkins, Harry O. Brewer and Roland R. Dudley. Fall term—Joanna F. Plaisted, Alice W. Patch, Marcia K. Perkins, Carrie F. Plaisted, Alice F. Kimball, Harry O. Brewer, W. Arthur Trowt, William F. McQueeney and Frank P. Butman. Winter term—Alice F. Kimball, Frank P. Butman and Roland R. Dudley. During the year—Laura A. Sargent and Fred S. Brewer.

The success of our schools is success in society in general, and in the homes of the patrons in particular, while a failure detracts from the public good and involves a useless expenditure of time and of public funds.

In closing this review of the school work of the year, we would say that our teachers, as a class, have devoted themselves in ceaseless

toil and anxiety to the interests of our schools, and have deserved the sympathies and co-operation of the citizens and parents in their faithful and well directed labors.

Finally, we would say to all of those who are personally interested in the public schools of Wenham, either from having their own children educated therein, or from their individual interest in every thing that pertains to the intellectual and moral development of the rising generation, that they can verify this report in regard to the amount of work accomplished and also the quality of that work in no better way than by a personal inspection of the daily routine business of each school. The committee, therefore, would not only invite, but urge, all such to avail themselves of the opportunity to visit and inspect these "Colleges of the People."

FRANCIS M. DODGE,
ELBRIDGE PORTER,
WILLIAM B. MORGAN,
} *School Committee of Wenham.*

Twelfth Annual Report

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

JANUARY 31st, 1897.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

To the Citizens of Wenham:

The Trustees of the Public Library herewith present their annual report for the year ending Jan. 31, 1897.

The following table gives the names of the present Board of Trustees with the dates of their original election as Library Committee or Trustees, and of the expiration of their present term of office.

	Elected Library Committee.	Elected Trustee.	Present term expires.
Henry A. Moulton,	1886	1894	1897
Frank H. Tarr,	1887	1894	1897
Elbridge Porter,	1885	1893	1898
Rev. Arthur N. Ward,	1892	1894	1898
Benj. H. Conant,	1890	1893	1899
Charles H. Stanton,		1896	1899

Previous to 1893 the library was in charge of a committee chosen annually, and each of the above named persons have served continuously since their first election.

To Elbridge Porter belongs the honor of having been a member of the original committee chosen at the time the library came into the possession of the town; and to the present secretary of the board, that of having been the first trustee chosen according to law for the full term of three years.

The present organization of the board is the same as for several previous years: Elbridge Porter, Chairman, and Benj. H. Conant, Secretary.

During the year just closed, there has been a considerable falling off in the number of books borrowed. This may be accounted for partly by having no printed catalogue of the books which have been added to the library during the last three years. Nearly 450 volumes have been added to the circulating department since the general catalogue was issued in 1893. Of these books we have, for the use of the readers, only one written list, thus making it difficult for them to make their selections.

It was intended to have issued a supplement to the general catalogue last year, but with the small appropriation received it was deemed expedient to wait another year.

Another reason for the diminution of readers may be found in the disorder which at times prevails in and about the library rooms. This has been a source of great annoyance, both to the trustees, and also to others who wish to make use of the library. It is one of the standing rules of the library that those using it shall conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner while in or about the rooms. As a general thing, visitors have observed this regulation, but there are a few irrepressible spirits among the young people who frequent the library, who seem to have the idea that because the library is a free public institution, therefore they are at liberty to act as they please. They do not consider that in disturbing the quiet which should prevail in a public library, they are violating the laws of the State, and are liable to arrest. (See Public Statutes of Mass., Chap. 225, Act approved May 12, 1885.)

Doubtless a good deal of the noise and confusion is due to thoughtlessness on the part of the boys and girls, and in some cases they have desisted when remonstrated with; but too often the efforts of the trustees to maintain order have met with poor success. It is true, the trustees have it in their power to enforce order, but they dislike to resort to stringent measures if it can possibly be avoided. They would much rather that parents when they send their children to the library to exchange the books for the family, should admonish them as to their conduct while there. A public library should be as quiet and orderly as a church. It is hoped that with the co-operation of the parents, there will be no further need of calling attention to this matter.

A third reason why a few of the readers have discontinued to take out books may perhaps be found in the character of the books purchased for the library. It has been our policy, especially for the last few years, to subject the books purchased to a rigid examination, and to exclude to a considerable extent those of the more sensational and trashy character, but which a few of the readers seem to consider the most desirable. In making our selections, we have endeavored to keep in view the true object of a public library. We hold that it should not be its principal aim to furnish mere amusement or

entertainment, but that it should also be an educator in the true sense of the word.

With this idea in view, we have added to each of the various departments of the library such works as seemed to us of real merit, and which came within the means at our command. In our library, as in nearly all public libraries that have come under our observation, the great majority of readers call for works of fiction, and in answer to this demand a considerable part of the appropriation has been expended in this direction. In this class of literature, it has been our endeavor to keep the standard of excellence fully up to that of former years. While we would say nothing against the reading of a reasonable amount of *good* fiction, we cannot help feeling that the readers would derive greater benefit from a larger use of the other departments of the library.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

We have received during the year a larger number of donations of books, etc., than usual. From R. C. Winthrop, Jr., of Boston, 7 volumes of the works of his father, the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop. From Dr. J. P. Fessenden of Salem, Miss E. R. Plaisted and Miss Annie A. Kemble of Wenham, a large collection of unbound magazines from which we obtained 44 full volumes besides a lot of odd numbers which, with a small outlay for supplying missing numbers, will make several volumes more. (A part of these magazines have already been bound and placed upon the shelves ready for circulation.) From W. H. Moody, M. C., 2 volumes, and also the Daily Congressional Record. From the State House, Boston, the usual complement of State publications, and also a history of the 57th Regt. Mass. Vols. Mr. Henry Hobbs has deposited in the library a large collection of U. S. and State public documents. Mrs. Caroline A. Baker, of Washington, D. C., has caused to be transferred to the Wenham Public Library, the entire set of Naval War Records, assigned by the Secretary of the Navy to her husband, the late Chief Engineer Charles H. Baker. Of this valuable work we have already received 3 Volumes, and have received notice from the Navy Department that the remaining volumes will be sent as fast as they are issued. The publishers of the Wenham Star have continued that paper another year.

In addition to these larger donations, we have received from

several other individuals gifts of books and other miscellaneous matter, to each and all of whom we extend thanks in behalf of the town.

CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

At the annual examination every book belonging to the library was accounted for. During the past year but few volumes have been rebound, consequently, at the present time, quite a large number are in a more or less dilapidated condition. Some of these should be rebound; others that are too far gone should be replaced by new copies or withdrawn from the library and their places supplied by more valuable works.

We would again urge upon the attention of some of the readers the desirableness of greater care in the handling of the books. Books properly handled will last for a life-time, but with the rough, careless usage which they too often receive at the hands of readers, they are soon destroyed. They are often returned to the library so tightly strapped together as to seriously injure the bindings, and on stormy evenings without any protection whatever from the weather. We would suggest that families, taking several books at a time, provide themselves with a suitable satchel or bag to convey them in. A little care in these respects will greatly prolong the life of the books, and thus diminish the expense of keeping the library in running order.

NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY.

First, and perhaps most important at this time, is the preparation and printing of a supplement to the catalogue. This should be attended to immediately.

Next in importance is to provide additional accommodations for the natural growth of the library, the wall space in the present room being now all occupied. Several plans, none of them entirely satisfactory, have been proposed. Perhaps the most feasible for temporary relief would be to erect a stack in the centre of the room. This would accommodate some four or five hundred volumes, and give time to consider the matter of providing additional room more fully. It is hoped that at no very distant day we may be able to have a suitable building specially adapted to the needs of a public library.

In view of the extra expense which seems necessary the ensuing

year, we would recommend that a sum not less than $200.00 be appropriated for the maintenance of the library.

The following tables of statistics will show the growth, classification and use of the library for the year ending January 31, 1897 :—

CIRCULATION.

Evenings the library has been open for delivery of books,	45
Volumes loaned at Central library,	2,769
" " " East Wenham branch,	386
Total number of volumes loaned,	3,155
Volumes renewed,	147
Average weekly delivery,	70
Largest " " March 18th,	131
Smallest " " September 9th,	29
Volumes lost	0
Number of different individuals who have taken books during the past year,	234
New names added during the year,	28
Whole number of different individuals who have taken books since the present system has been in use (1893),	379

CLASSIFICATION AND USE.

	Volumes catalogued Jan. 31, 1896.	Volumes added.	Volumes catalogued Jan. 31, 1897.	Volumes loaned at Central Library.	Volumes loaned at East Wenham Branch.	Whole No. Volumes loaned.	Per cent of circulation.
History,	222	9	231	80	10	90	
Biography,	193	12	205	71	5	76	
Travels and Descriptive,	157	8	165	117	15	132	
Science and Agriculture,	115	5	120	34	4	38	
Poetry,	39	7	46	20	0	20	
Religion,	46	2	48	6	5	11	
Essays and Miscellaneous,	126	56	182	116	4	120	
Totals other than fiction,	898	99	997	444	43	487	15.43
Fiction,	1,012	68	1,080	2,325	343	2,668	84.57
Totals, including fiction,	1,910	167	2,077	2,769	386	3,155	100.00

ACCESSIONS.

	Catalogued.	Not Catalogued.	Total.
Volumes in Library Jan. 31, 1896,	1,910	510	2,420
" added by purchase,	108	0	108

	Catalogued.	Not Catalogued.	Total.
Volumes added by donation,	17	63	80
" magazines bound from numbers donated,	39	0	39
" previously overlooked,	3	0	3
Volumes in Library Jan. 31, 1897,	2,077	573	2,650

Pamphlets in Library Jan. 31, 1896,	277
" added by donation,	34
Pamphlets in Library Jan. 31, 1897,	311

Donations to the Library for the year ending January 31, 1897.

	Bound Volumes.	Pamphlets.	Periodicals, etc.
Baker, Mrs. C. A., Washington, D. C.,	1		
Boston, Trustees Public Reservations,		1	
Dodge, Richard E., New York,		1	2 folios Maps
Fessenden, Dr. J. P., Salem,	7		110 Nos.
Forbush, E. H. (Gypsy Moth Commission,)	1		
Hobbs, Henry, Wenham,	63	7	
Kemble, Miss Annie A., Wenham,			15 Nos.
Mass. Bureau Statistics Labor,	2		
Mass. Secretary of the Commonwealth,	19	4	
Moody, Hon. W. H., M. C.,	2		Cong. Record
Moulton, Henry A., Wenham,	2		odd papers
Perkins, James H., Jr., "	1		
Perkins, N. Porter, "	1		
Plaisted, Miss E. R., "	1		212 Nos.
Pool, Wellington, "	4	15	odd papers
Pray, John H., Boston,		1	
Salem Public Library,		2	
Salem Water Board,		2	
Stanton, Fred P., Wenham,	4	3	
Ward, Rev. A. N., "	1	1	
Wenham—Hamilton Star, Pub.,			1 sub.
Wenham, Town of		1	
Winthrop, Robert C., Jr., Boston,	7		
	116	38	

Among the donations received there were 36 volumes and 4 pamphlets which were duplicates of books already in the library. These are not included in the accession report.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT TO JAN. 31, 1897.

Unexpended balance, Jan. 31, 1896,	$ 7.94
Town appropriation, March, 1896,	100.00
Received for Fines, etc.,	9.25
Received from Rev. A. N. Ward for book,	.60
	$117.79

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of Trustees to Boston,	$ 5.75
De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., books, 109 vols.,	98.24
American Express Co.,	2.25
Lambert Jackson, binding books,	7.00
Postage and other incidentals,	1.59
	$114.83
Balance, Jan. 31, 1897,	$2.96
Feb. 9, 1897, paid Wm. F. Trowt, Town Treasurer, the amount received for fines, etc., to Jan. 31, 1897,	$9.25

Respectfully submitted,

ELBRIDGE PORTER, Chairman.
BENJ. H. CONANT, Secretary.
HENRY A. MOULTON.
CHARLES H. STANTON.
FRANK H. TARR.
ARTHUR N. WARD.

Trustees Wenham Public Library.

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1897-98

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Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

For the Year Ending February 17, 1898

Report of the School Committee

For the Year Ending December 31, 1897

AND THE

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Trustees of the Public Library

1898
MILO A. NEWHALL & CO., PRINTERS
SALEM, MASS.

REPORT.

Town Officers for the year 1897-'98.

Moderator—Abbott Johnson.

Town Clerk—Wellington Pool.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, and Fence Viewers—N. P. Perkins, J. H. Perkins, R. F. Dodge.

Town Treasurer—Wm. F. Trowt.

Collector of Taxes—James H. Perkins, Jr.

Auditor—Otis D. Brewer.

School Committee—Elbridge Porter, 1898; Francis M. Dodge, 1899; Wm. B. Morgan, 1900.

Constables—Henry Alley, H. A. Moulton, 2d.

Special Police—Henry Alley, H. A. Moulton, 2d.

Commissioners of Cemetery—Wm. F. Trowt, 1898; F. H. Tarr, 1899; Warren Jones, 1900.

Trustees of Public Library—Elbridge Porter, 1898; Arthur N. Ward, 1898; Charles H. Stanton, 1899; Benj. H. Conant, 1899; F. H. Tarr, 1900; H. A. Moulton, 1900.

Board of Health—H. A. Prince, 1898; C. W. Perkins, 1899; C. S. Cook, 1900.

Surveyors of Highways—Ward 1, Addison Williams; Ward 2, C. T. Brown; Ward 3, Horace A. Killam; Ward 4, Wm. P. Dodge; Ward 5, F. H. Tarr; Ward 6, D. A. Homan; Ward 7, Stephen Cook; Ward 8, Edward L. Kimball; Ward 9, John R. Sargent.

Surveyors of Lumber, and Measurers of Wood and Bark—John K. Dodge, R. F. Dodge, A. D. Prince, Isaac Porter, J. H. Perkins, Otis Alley, Wm. S. Cummings.

Town Weighers—Wm. F. Trowt, Wm. P. Dodge, John K. Dodge.

Pound Keeper—H. H. Demsey.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—J. H. Perkins.

Firewards, and Forest Firewards—Elbridge Porter, Horace E. Durgin, Horace A. Killam, Leander F. Hodgdon.

Keeper of Lockup and Tramps—John C. Richards.

Inspector of Cattle and Provisions—Henry Alley.

School Department.

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid Florence E. Dodge, teaching balance Winter term, 1897,		$88.00
" " "	Spring term,	96.00
" " "	Fall term,	96.00
" " "	Winter term, 1898,	72.00
John K. Dodge, wood,		18.00
N. E. Preston, care of room and fires,		10.00
Total,		$380.00

NECK SCHOOL.

Paid L. Grace Johnson, teaching balance Winter term, 1897,		$45.00
Altie M. Hill, teaching Spring term,		108.00
" " "	Fall term,	108.00
" " "	Winter term in part,	72.00
Charles Wilkins, wood,		18.00
S. C. Prince, care of room and fires,		12.00
Total,		$363.00

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Paid Annie L. Prince, teaching balance Winter term, 1897,		$41.40
Louie M. Merriam, "	Spring term,	108.00
" " "	Fall term,	108.00
" " "	Winter term in part,	81.00
James Fairfield, coal,		20.50

Paid Wellington Pool, sweeping school-room,	$8.50
" " care of fires,	10.00
Total,	$377.40

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid Grace H. Gould, teaching balance Winter term, 1897,	$90.00
" " " Spring term,	120.00
" " " Fall term,	120.00
Lillian A. Ridley, " Winter term, in part,	76.00
Margaret M. Dudley, care of room to March 1, 1897,	10.00
" " " " Dec. 1, 1897,	8.00
James Fairfield, coal,	40.00
Wellington Pool, care of fires,	15.00
Total,	$479.00

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Rose A. Manning, teaching balance Winter term, 1897,	$72.00
" " " Spring term,	108.00
" " " Fall term,	108.00
" " " Winter term in part,	72.00
John Girdler, 3 tons coal,	18.00
Wm. B. Morgan, wood,	17.75
Sidney C. Cook, care of room and fires,	10.00
Total,	$405.75

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Paid Wm. B. Morgan, labor and cash paid for supplies and labor, West school,	$15.88
Fred M. Peabody, repairing clock, West school,	1.50
Whitcomb-Carter Co., paint, oil, etc., Primary school,	5.15
Elbridge Porter, repairs on out-buildings, Grammar school and oiling floor,	3.50
Willie P. Porter, repairing clocks, Primary and Grammar schools,	1.50
Boston School Supply Co., books and supplies,	44.88
Rand, McNally & Co., " "	53.05

Paid D. C. Heath & Co., writing books,	$12.89
Ginn & Co., supplies,	6.75
Altie M. Hill, supplies for Neck school,	1.00
N. P. Gifford, floor boards, Grammar school-room,	73.06
Chas. F. Elliott, labor in Grammar room and entries,	64.09
Sadie C. Prince, singing lessons, East and Neck schools,	18.20
R. J. Kimball, five maps State of Massachusetts,	3.00
Grace H. Gould, blank books,	.40
Mrs. M. T. Williams, papering and whitewashing East school-room,	4.40
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies,	4.65
E. A. Mackintire, supplies,	3.75
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	1.30
F. M. Dodge, cash paid for school supplies and expressing,	18.80
Total,	$337.75

TUITION FOR CHILDREN OUT OF TOWN.

(Chapter 436, Acts of 1894.)

Paid City of Beverly to July 1, 1897, two years.	
Fred Pulsifer,	$60.00
Bessie Pulsifer,	60.00
Nora Killam,	60.00
Lizzie Preston,	60.00
Annie D. Trowt,	60.00
Alfred Cummings, one year,	30.00
City of Salem to Jan. 1, 1898, six months.	
G. L. Anderson,	25.00
A. H. Ward,	25.00
Alice B. Dodge,	25.00
Ethel M. Hall,	25.00
Frances S. Merrill,	25.00
Total,	$455.00

Highway Department.

WARD ONE.

Paid	Addison Williams,	$16.39
	John K. Dodge,	14.35
	Wm. H. Beck,	7.00
	John W. Higgins,	4.00
	Timothy Higgins,	5.00
	Daniel W. Preston,	10.61
	Charles Wyatt,	10.00
	Total,	$67.35

WARD TWO.

Paid	Charles T. Brown,	$63.20
	Frank T. Johnson,	24.08
	John T. Gentlee,	16.00
	Asa T. Putnam,	39.29
	Francis S. Lovett,	3.20
	Lewis Killam,	12.10
	Arthur Jones,	6.15
	R. Frank Dodge,	12.18
	" " gravel,	14.30
	Lewis Killam,	.70
	Horace A. Killam,	3.20
	Total,	$194.40

WARD THREE.

Paid	Horace A. Killam,	$23.00
	Samuel R. Prince,	39.10
	Zachariah Cole,	59.34
	Charles Wilkins,	62.48
	" " gravel,	26.70
	Francis M. Dodge,	37.08
	David Pingree,	1.80
	Total,	$249.50

WARD FOUR.

Paid	Geo. F. Dodge,	$2.24

Paid Wm. P. Dodge,	$3.35
Frank H. Tarr,	3.78
" " cash paid for gravel,	.60
Total,	$9.97

WARD FIVE.

Paid Wm. T. Tucker,	$18.80
Geo. W. Jones,	16.00
Samuel M. Hill,	47.72
Edmund L. Batchelder,	11.05
Jonas M. Rollins,	30.43
Geo. E. Homan,	8.80
J. H. Perkins,	1.00
Daniel E. Homan,	17.20
Elbridge Porter,	38.24
T. W. Batchelder,	10.50
Fred F. Porter,	27.20
Frank H. Tarr,	124.25
J. F. Batchelder,	12.73
S. K. Evans,	.80
Joseph L. Batchelder,	21.30
Joseph Addison,	7.20
Merton A. Trowt,	9.00
E. K. Batchelder,	6.60
M. Buckley,	5.40
Daniel A. Homan,	15.00
Charles W. Perkins, use of cart,	.54
" " 552 loads of gravel,	55.20
P. H. Kavanagh, labor and gravel,	4.20
Frank A. Standley, gravel,	11.00
Elbridge Porter, "	.56
Total,	$500.72

WARD SIX.

Paid Samuel M. Hill,	$10.85
Geo. E. Homan,	4.60
Daniel A. Homan, 1896,	5.70
" "	6.20

Paid	Walter Homan,	$1.80
	Fred S. Knowlton,	3.48
	Warren Jones,	3.80
	Geo. W. Jones,	7.36
	E. K. Batchelder,	1.80
	Henry A. Cook,	1.80
	Total,	$47.39

WARD SEVEN.

Paid	Samuel M. Hill, road machine,	$15.60
	Horace G. Sears,	13.50
	Chester S. Cook,	9.70
	A. D. Flewelling,	19.50
	Geo. W. Wilson,	5.53
	Geo. W. Peabody, Jr.,	10.80
	James W. Cass,	8.00
	Alva M. Hill,	11.06
	Stephen Cook,	18.00
	Henry A. Moulton, 2d,	5.53
	N. P. Perkins,	12.34
	L. F. Hodgdon, 1896,	4.00
	George V. Bowden,	6.80
	Samuel S. Cook,	6.40
	Charles W. Bixby,	1.60
	J. W. L. Moulton,	15.06
	Clarence O. Moulton,	9.53
	Elbridge A. Dodge,	11.87
	E. K. Standley,	3.28
	Geo. W. Peabody,	12.10
	J. W. L. Moulton, 1896,	11.20
	Total,	$211.40

WARD EIGHT.

Paid	Charles H. Stanton, 1896,	$8.80
	" "	8.00
	Samuel M. Hill, road machine,	9.60
	Charles F. Herrick,	4.00

Paid Edward L. Kimball,	$32.00
Chas. E. Kimball,	11.40
Elbridge A. Dodge,	3.86
J. Sumner Brown,	24.90
Mrs. James T. Brown, gravel,	7.30
Joseph Wessel, gravel,	2.60
Total,	$112.46

WARD NINE.

Paid John R. Sargent,	$15.50
Chas. W. Perkins,	10.64
" " gravel,	8.60
J. M. Rollins,	4.60
Chas. L. Webber,	2.80
Daniel E. Homan,	8.50
Elmer E. Clark,	2.80
P. H Kavanagh, 1896,	2.80
Total,	$56.24

EXTRA HIGHWAY.

Paid Chas. H. Abbott, widening portion of Main street,	$20.00

EXTRA ON WALNUT STREET.

Paid Horace A. Killam,	$5.40
Charles Wilkins,	17.66
Zachariah Cole,	16.91
F. M. Dodge,	14.28
Samuel R. Prince,	20.43
Chas. T. Brown,	4.80
Total,	$79.48

PORTER STREET EXTENSION.

Paid Jas. H. Perkins, cash paid for stakes and for assistance on surveying,	$2.00
Daniel A. Homan, spreading gravel,	8.00
George W. Jones, " "	8.00
Geo. H. Gibney, shaping road (per contract),	20.00

Paid Geo. H. Gibney, teaming 361½ yards gravel at 20 cts. (contract),	$72.30
Chas. W. Perkins, gravel,	28.92
Total,	$139.22

Snow Department.

WARD ONE.

Paid Addison Williams,	$4.10
Wm. H. Beck,	2.40
Benj. F. Burchsted,	1.20
Henry D. Stillman,	4.50
John W. Stillman,	.80
Timothy Higgins,	2.20
Daniel W. Preston,	7.50
Charles E. Wyatt,	1.50
Total,	$24.20

WARD TWO.

Paid Chas. T. Brown,	$10.30
Walter S. Putnam,	2.10
Asa T. Putnam,	5.60
J. F. Putnam,	.90
F. T. Johnson,	8.30
F. S. Lovett,	8.40
John T. Gentlee,	6.70
E. Powers,	5.20
Lewis A. Killam,	4.90
H. E. Dalton,	5.60
A. E. Jones,	3.50
J. F. Tuttle,	4.10
H. Ahern,	4.00
Total,	$69.60

WARD THREE.

Paid Horace A. Killam,	$6.60
Chas. Wilkins,	5.00

Paid F. M. Dodge,	$5.40
Zachariah Cole,	7.00
Samuel R. Prince,	16.20
Fred Killam,	2.20
Amos Bixby,	5.60
Alonzo Young,	5.60
Total,	$53.60

WARD FOUR.

Paid Arthur Harrigan,	$11.20
Eben Tinkham,	2.60
John Andrews,	2.60
John Williams,	3.20
C. E. McQueeney,	3.20
Daniel A. Homan,	1.80
E. K. Batchelder,	1.40
S. P. Burnham,	1.50
Geo. F. Dodge,	9.00
Wm. P. Dodge,	13.80
Total,	$50.30

WARD FIVE.

Paid Frank H. Tarr,	$14.60
Perley L. Cummings,	.60
Elbridge Porter,	6.80
Fred F. Porter,	3.30
J. M. Rollins,	4.20
Willie P. Porter,	1.00
Joseph Addison,	.80
Merton A. Trowt,	.60
John Williams,	1.00
J. L. Batchelder,	.40
Michael Buckley,	.60
Total,	$33.90

WARD SIX.

Paid Daniel A. Homan,	$3.50
Geo. E. Homan,	2.80

Paid Geo. W. Jones,	$2.80
Warren Jones,	2.80
John Caves,	2.80
Henry A. Cook,	1.95
E. K. Batchelder,	2.80
George A. Killam,	1.00
E. Guild,	2.70
Taylor C. Lyford,	2.90
Fred Knowlton,	2.00
R. Knowlton,	1.80
H. Knowlton,	1.50
Thos. Wakefield,	2.90
Eben Standley,	2.90
H. Russell,	1.00
Merton A. Trowt,	2.20
S. Witham,	1.30
J. Addison,	.20
Michael Buckley,	.20
Levi S. Lord,	.60
W. P. Porter,	1.40
John G. Roundy,	1.10
Fred F. Porter,	1.00
Elbridge Porter,	2.20
Jonas M. Rollins,	1.80
Frank H. Tarr,	2.20
Total,	$52.35

WARD SEVEN.

Paid Henry A. Moulton, 2d,	$8.70
Samuel S. Cook,	9.50
Joseph T. Haskell,	6.65
Otis Alley,	.95
L. W. Batchelder,	.70
H. G. Sears,	14.55
Geo. W. Peabody,	1.30
Chas W. Bixby,	14.10
A. R. Bowden,	5.70
L. F. Hodgdon,	4.10

Paid	E. Standley,	$5.80
	James W. Cass,	6.00
	N. P. Perkins,	8.80
	Henry S. Bowen,	6.00
	J. W. L. Moulton,	9.50
	Samuel C. Alley,	6.40
	J. Stanley Bell,	6.40
	Stephen Cook,	8.00
	Chester S. Cook,	5.40
	Alva M. Hill,	3.90
	A. D. Flewelling,	2.40
	George A. Perkins,	6.00
	George W. Wilson,	1.00
	C. O. Moulton,	1.20
	John H. Tiney,	.70
	Joseph F. Kent,	8.90
	E. A. Dodge,	.50
	George W. Peabody, Jr.,	5.60
	Total,	$158.75

WARD EIGHT.

Paid	E. L. Kimball,	$ .60
	Chas. E. Kimball,	.60
	Chas. E. Kimball, Jr.,	.60
	J. Sumner Brown,	1.00
	Fred Bramford,	.80
	Ferguson Robeson,	.40
	Total,	$4.00

WARD NINE.

Paid	Daniel E. Homan,	$ .40
	Elmer E. Clark,	3.00
	John R. Sargent,	4.87
	Otis A. Clark,	2.40
	E. Norwood,	2.40
	Thomas Sargent,	2.60
	Chas. L. Webber,	2.20
	George E. Perkins,	2.00

Paid Chas. W. Perkins,	$2.20
James Horton,	2.00
Dennis Glavin,	2.80
Elim Tinkham,	2.80
Total,	$29.67

Soldiers' Relief.

THOMAS H. CLARK.

Paid for his support cash in monthly payments,	$72.00

MRS. EDWIN PLAISTED.

Paid for her support cash in monthly payments,	$52.00

GEO. W. BABCOCK.

Paid Town of Melrose, rent and supplies for nine months ending Oct. 1st, 1897,	$149.50
Town of Melrose, rent, supplies and medicine for three months to Jan. 1st, 1898,	69.20
Total,	$218.70
Total Soldiers' Relief,	$342.70

Poor Department.

FAMILY OF RICHARD BURNHAM.

Paid Town of Danvers, supplies,	$63.00
Lore & Russell, coal,	23.00
Total,	$86.00

FAMILY OF HARRY WILLIAMS.

Paid Town of Hingham, rent and supplies to Jan. 1, 1898,	$231.34

KIMBALL H. DREW.

Paid Dr. F. A. Cowles, medical attendance,	$5.00

MARY L. TUTTLE.

Paid Beverly Hospital, board and nursing,	$24.00
Total Poor,	$346.34

Town House.

Paid Charles W. Perkins, wood,	$5.00
Chas. L. Woodbury, funnel and labor,	6.80
James Fairfield, coal ($5.37½ per ton),	31.09
J. C. Daniels, scraping and painting town house roof,	10.00
J. A. Kennett, expressing,	.40
C. P. Osborne, repairing furnace,	12.70
" " " Town house roof,	2.75
A. J. Walker, tuning piano three times,	7.18
Merrill, Dexter & Co., paint and oil for roof,	4.85
Otis D. Leonard, setting glass,	1.50
Ivory Quinby, labor on town house roof 1896-'97,	3.50
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, oil, chimneys and other supplies,	6.06
Wellington Pool, care of Town Hall and Selectmen's room,	30.30
Wellington Pool, care of Library room,	5.00
Total,	$127.13

Town Library.

Paid B. H. Conant, expense of trustees to Boston,	$6.85
" " cash paid for books and expressing,	10.12
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	50.86
F. J. Barnard & Co., binding books and magazines,	36.96
B. H. Conant, cash paid for books, repairs, postage, etc.,	8.88
Total,	$113.67

Incidentals.

Paid Milo A. Newhall & Co., printing town reports,	$49.84
Dr. Samuel E. Thayer, returning births,	3.25
B. H. Conant, care of town clock,	20.00
John C. Richards, land taken for widening sidewalk on Main street,	15.00
Joseph M. Parsons, drain pipe,	22.68
Wenham Veteran Association (town appropriation),	25.00
Henry A. Moulton, labor taking down snow fence,	.80
F. L. Evans, services in District Court in case of Mrs. Lattimer,	25.00
Samuel M. Hill, hauling drain pipe,	3.50
Chas. C. Burtland, re-seating and repairing chairs, (town room),	3.50
Henry L. Eaton, surveying near Wenham lake,	3.00
N. P. Perkins, cash paid for recording two deeds,	1.25
" " " " telephone messages,	.75
H. D. Stillman, conveying books to East Wenham branch library,	10.00
James H. Perkins, cash paid for entering petition defining highway line,	3.00
James H. Perkins, cash paid for paint and B. & M. R. R. freight bill,	.55
James H. Perkins, cash paid for Tax Collector's book and blank books,	1.50
Salem Evening News, advertising for proposals (Porter street extension),	3.75
B. H. Conant, extra labor on town clock,	2.00
" " cash paid H. H. Demsey, labor on town clock,	2.00
B. H. Conant, photographing portion of highway near Wenham lake,	1.00
C. W. Perkins, one cord of wood for trial of fire extinguishers,	3.00
Geo. W. Jones, labor on snow fence,	1.20
Greenough, Adams & Co., ink,	.75
Geo. W. Wilson, removing dead animal (per order of Board of Health),	.80

Paid H. E. Durgin, sharpening picks, repairing road machine, etc.,	$3.15
H. E. Durgin, repairs on hearse, hay scales and Town House furnace,	2.60
W. F. Redlon, lumber to repair hay scales, etc.,	3.78
Mrs. S. T. Plummer, housing road machine,	5.00
Village Improvement Society, one-half expense spraying trees on Main street,	10.00
F. A. Hinkley, repairs on street light,	.50
Harry Brewer, care of " "	10.00
Ivory Quinby, preparing plan of Pleasant pond, and services as witness at legislative hearing, 1895,	8.00
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, nails, stationery, postage for town officers, etc.,	1.95
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, oil, etc., for street light,	5.30
Wellington Pool, cash paid for expressing,	1.20
" " work on cemetery deeds,	1.00
" " labor on funnel and flags and cash paid for bunting,	1.10
Wellington Pool, shoveling snow near town buildings,	.80
" " cash paid for dog license book,	1.00
" " " for two lamps for chandelier (Town Hall),	1.00
Wellington Pool, cash paid for thermometer (school room),	.40
Wellington Pool, administering oaths to town officers,	4.20
" " care of soldiers' lot in cemetery,	2.00
J. H. Perkins, Jr., stationery, blanks, and for use of telephone,	3.53
J. H. Perkins, Jr., cash paid for tax bills,	2.50
Total,	$272.13

Fire Department.

Paid James Fairfield, coal,	$18.13
Enon Fire Association, nineteen members,	38.00
C. S. Cook, watching fire (W. B. Morgan),	2.00
H. G. Sears, " " " "	2.00

Paid E. Porter, moving ladder house (Neck district),		$6.75
H. W. Porter, one Yale paracentric lock with 38 keys,		10.00
" " repairs on ladder house,		.20
Wm. T. Tucker, labor on wood,		.50
John R. Sargent, watching fire (E. C. Hall),		1.80
Otis D. Leonard, labor on cistern at Gage estate, per order of firewards,		1.25
Charles Wilkins, cedar posts for ladder house,		1.00
Frank H. Tarr, watching fires July 4th and 5th,		2.00
" " pine wood,		1.25
Fred P. Stanton, oil, two lanterns, etc.,		1.62
H. E. Durgin, repairs on engine, etc.,		4.35
James Fairfield, coal,		11.00
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, oil, chimneys and other supplies,		4.52
" " " collation furnished at E. C. Hall's fire,		3.94
Total,		$110.31

Monument Park and Common.

Paid Henry A. Moulton, labor,		$2.10
Wellington Pool, "		8.45
" " cash paid for lawn mowing,		5.65
" " " " fertilizer,		2.00
Total,		$18.20

Town Officers.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Wm. B. Morgan, services to March 1st, 1897, one year,		$30.00
Elbridge Porter, " " " "		30.00
" " taking census of school children,		4.00
F. M. Dodge, services to March 1st, 1897, one year,		67.50
Total,		$131.50

CONSTABLES AND POLICE.

Paid Chas. H. McQueeney, posting warrant town meeting,	$2.50
Henry A. Moulton, 2d, services to March 1st, 1897,	10.00
Elbridge Porter, services July 4th and 5th,	2.00
F. P. Stanton, refreshments to police July 4th,	.71
S. K. Evans, services police July 4th and 5th,	2.00
Otis D. Leonard, services police July 4th and 5th,	2.00
Henry Alley, District Court fees, cases Nos. 9501 and 9305,	6.50
Henry Alley, serving dog warrant,	3.50
" " posting three warrants, town meetings,	6.00
" " services and journeys out of town,	28.70
" " Ivory Quinby, service July 4th,	2.00
H. E. Durgin, assisting serving search warrant,	1.00
Total,	$66.91

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Wellington Pool, salary for one year,	$50.00
" " recording, obtaining, indorsing and returning births, deaths and marriages,	15.30
Wellington Pool, returning vote for representative,	2.00
Total,	$67.30

TOWN TREASURER.

Paid Wm. F. Trowt, services one year,	$50.00

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Paid James H. Perkins, Jr., collecting taxes 1896, salary,	$50.00

ASSESSORS.

Paid R. F. Dodge, 12 days' services,	$24.00
N. P. Perkins, 11½ days' services,	23.00
J. H. Perkins, 12½ days' services,	25.00
Total,	$72.00

REGISTRARS.

Paid Irving W. Allen, printing voting lists,	$6.75
R. F. Dodge, 6 sessions,	6.00

Paid J. H. Perkins, 6 sessions,	$6.00
N. P. Perkins, 3 "	3.00
Wellington Pool, 7 "	7.00
" " cash paid for use of chapels,	.50
" " posting registration notices,	3.75
Total,	$33.00

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Paid J. H. Perkins, services 1 year,	$5.00
N. P. Perkins, " " "	5.00
" " journeys out of town and cash paid,	3.50
James H. Perkins, journeys out of town and cash paid,	14.50
R. F. Dodge, services 1 year,	5.00
Total,	$33.00

SELECTMEN.

Paid N. P. Perkins, 17½ days' services,	$35.00
" " distributing town reports,	1.00
" " journeys out of town and cash paid,	19.25
" " for incidental service,	5.00
J. H. Perkins, distributing town reports,	2.00
" " 17½ days' services,	36.00
" " drawing jurors,	1.00
" " journeys out of town and cash paid,	14.10
R. F. Dodge, distributing town reports,	1.00
" " 20½ days' services,	41.00
" " journeys out of town and cash paid,	8.00
Total,	$163.35

AUDITOR.

Paid Otis D. Brewer, services,	$3.00

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Paid Henry A. Moulton, teller, state election,	$2.00

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE AND PROVISIONS.

Paid Henry Alley, balance of salary for year ending March 1st, 1897,	$40.00
Henry Alley, one-half year's salary to Sept. 1st, 1897,	31.00
Total,	$71.00

Care of Tramps.

Paid Dr. S. E. Thayer, medical services,	$2.00
Geo. W. Woodbury, plastering room,	4.00
Geo. A. Herrick, 47 lbs. of crackers,	3.29
John C. Richards, care to March 1st, 1898, one year,	50.00
Total,	$59.29

Extra Expense on Account of Waters' Estate Case.

Paid F. L. Evans, examining and copying records, journeys to Wenham and Boston and management of case before the County Commissioners,	$200.00
Chas. A. Putnam, surveying, drawing plans and attendance as witness before County Commissioners,	49.00
P. H. Kavanagh, 2 days' service as witness,	4.00
Henry Hobbs, " " " " "	4.00
S. K. Evans, 2½ " " " "	5.00
Dan'l E. Homan, 2 " " " "	4.00
B. H. Needham, " " "	1.25
Total,	$267.25

Extra Expense on Account of Tilton Case.

Paid F. L. Evans, management of case before Superior Court, including the services of H. P. Moulton,	$325.00
F. L. Evans, cash paid witness fees and for service of Deputy Sheriff,	57.54
F. L. Evans, cash paid court fees and tickets to Boston,	8.10
" " " " special car for jury,	8.00
Chas. A. Putnam, surveying, drawing plans and attending court,	44.00
Dr. O. B. Shreve, services as medical expert,	125.00

Paid Dr. C. A. Carlton, services as medical expert	$125.00
Dr. Frank S. Atwood, services under direction of F. L. Evans,	25.00
Henry Hobbs, service attending court,	8.00
Sam'l K. Evans, " " "	7.00
Wm. F. Trowt, " " "	8.00
Chas. W. Patch, " " "	8.00
N. P. Perkins, " " "	7.00
" " other services and travel,	4.00
J. H. Perkins, services and journeys out of town,	18.50
R. F. Dodge, services attending court,	7.00
Total,	$785.14

State and Military Aid.

Paid Warren Larrabee, Acts of 1894, Chap. 301,	$48.00
Harriet E. Larrabee, " " " "	48.00
Joseph B. Woodman, " " " "	48.00
Warren Burpee, " " " "	48.00
Elbridge K. Standley, " " " "	48.00
John F. Peach, " " " "	72.00
William H. Luscomb, " " " "	12.00
Geo. G. Clark, " " " "	40.00
Jonas M. Rollins, " " " "	24.00
George Alley, " " " "	12.00
Henry P. Brewer, " " " "	9.00
Joseph Addison, " " " "	4.00
Benj. F. Young, " " " 279	144.00
Daniel A. Homan, " " " "	96.00
Philip Morrill, jr., " " " "	96.00
Total,	$749.00

Abatements.

1894.

Mrs. Augustus Standley, real estate,	$6.96
Estate of Wm. Young, real, not liable,	1.16
A. E. Tosier, one poll, not found,	2.00
Total,	$10.12

1895.

Geo. L. Gleason, too much real,	$ .25
Estate of H. L. Norcross, paid to Treasurer by Salem Water Board,	5.00
Frank Preston, paid to Treasurer by Salem Water Board,	9.00
Total,	$14.25

1896.

Chester C. Dodge,	one poll,	not liable,	$2.00
Frank Andrews,	"	not found,	2.00
Geo. W. Bushee,	"	not liable,	2.00
Forest L. Knowlton,	"	not found,	2.00
A. E. Tosier,	"	"	2.00
J. K. Turnbull,	"	not liable,	2.00
H. W. Trowt,	"	"	2.00
P. M. Barnes,	"	"	2.00
C. A. Prouty,	"	not found,	2.00
F. A. M. Ward,	"	"	2.00
Total,			$20.00

1897.

Sargent M. Knowlton,	too much personal,		$1.20
Arthur N. Ward,	"	"	2.88
N. G. Goldsmith,			3.24
Heirs of Mrs. E. C. Dodge,	exempt,		.24
Total,			$7.56

Summary of Town Expenses.

Schools,	$2,005.15
School Incidentals,	337.75
Tuition for Scholars out of Town,	455.00
Highway Wards,	1,449.43
Extra Highway, Main and Walnut Streets,	99.48
Porter Street Extension,	139.22
Snow Bills,	476.37
Expense of Poor,	346.34
Soldiers' Relief,	342.70
Town House and Hall,	127.13
Park and Common,	18.20
Fire Department,	110.31
Public Library,	113.67
Incidentals,	272.13
Town Officers,	743.06
Abatements, 1894,	10.12
State and Military Aid,	749.00
Extra Expense on account of Waters and Tilton Cases,	1,052.39
Care of Tramps,	59.29
Abatements for 1895, 1896, 1897,	41.81
Total,	$8,948.55

Tax Collector's Accounts.

ELBRIDGE PORTER, COLLECTOR FOR 1894, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

Balance due on tax list of 1894,	$91.06
Interest on taxes,	9.50
Total,	$100.56
By payment to Wm. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	69.06
Uncollected taxes,	31.50
Total,	$100.56

JAMES H. PERKINS, JR., COLLECTOR FOR 1895, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

To balance on tax list for 1895,	$236.00
To interest on taxes,	39.44
Total,	$275.44
By payment to W. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	247.19
Uncollected taxes,	28.25
Total,	$275.44

JAMES H. PERKINS, JR., COLLECTOR FOR 1896, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

To balance on tax list for 1896,	$1,195.84
To interest on taxes,	60.03
Total,	$1,255.87
By payment to W. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	815.49
Uncollected taxes,	440.38
Total,	$1,255.87

JAMES H. PERKINS, JR., COLLECTOR FOR 1897, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

To tax list of 1897 committed to him,	$8,165.44
To additions to tax list,	.96
To interest on taxes,	5.88
Total,	$8,171.28
By payment to W. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	6,671.12
By discount on taxes,	102.46
Uncollected taxes,	1,397.70
Total,	$8,171.28

Treasurer's Account.

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH W. F. TROWT, TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the treasury Feb. 13, 1897,	$2,350.89
From the Commonwealth, national bank tax,	410.97
" " corporation tax,	308.43
" " income Mass. school fund,	345.03
" " on account of cattle inspection,	37.50
" " State aid,	312.00
" " Military aid,	158.00
From County treasurer (account of dog licenses),	184.57
" City of Salem, account of Longham taxes,	118.28
" Wellington Pool, for rent of Town Hall,	47.25
" " " sale of town histories,	3.00
" sale of cemetery lots,	257.00
" town scales,	17.01
" butchers' licenses,	4.00
" druggist's license,	1.00
" estate of E. D. Hawkins, legacy for public library,	125.00
" Naumkeag Bank, temporary loan,	500.00
Withdrawn from Salem Savings Bank,	1,040.00
From F. P. Stanton, balance of 1893 tax list,	2.18
" Elbridge Porter, account of 1894 tax list,	69.06
" James H. Perkins, Jr., on account of taxes,	7,733.80
" B. H. Conant, library fines,	7.73
Total,	$14,032.70

PAYMENTS.

Interest on town debt,	$ 60.00
" temporary loan,	4.38
" Allen cemetery fund,	7.20
" Mary Perkins fund,	217.92
To Cemetery Commissioners,	170.98
County tax,	627.98
State tax,	472.50
Note due the Commonwealth,	1,000.00

Deposited in the Salem Savings Bank for reduction of town debt,	$500.00
Naumkeag Bank, temporary loan,	500.00
Trustees of Public Library, E. D. Hawkins legacy,	125.00
Selectmen's orders,	8,948.55
Treasurer of the Commonwealth, ¼ of license fees, 1896 and '97,	.50
Balance in the treasury,	1,397.69
Total,	$14,032.70

Financial Statement of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Note due State of Massachusetts,	$1,000.00
" trustees of "Allen Cemetery Fund,"	475.00
Interest due Allen Cemetery Fund to Jan. 29th, 1898,	43.48
Note due trustees of "Mary Perkins Fund,"	3,000.00
Interest due on Mary Perkins Fund to Feb. 1st, 1898,	227.36
Estimate of outstanding bills,	400.00
Due Cemetery Commissioners,	258.02
Total,	$5,403.86

RESOURCES.

Cash in the treasury,	$1397.69
Due from State of Mass., for State and Military Aid,	749.00
" Elbridge Porter, tax collector 1894,	31.50
" J. H. Perkins, Jr., " 1895,	28.25
" " " " 1896,	440.30
" " " " 1897,	1,397.70
Due deposit in Salem Savings Bank,	515.00
Total,	$4,559.44
Balance against the town,	844.42

The Selectmen recommend the following sums to defray the ordinary expenses:—

Schools,	$1,400.00
School Incidentals,	200.00
High School Tuition,	300.00
Incidentals,	1,500.00
Highways,	1,100.00
Library,	150.00
Fire Department,	100.00
Interest,	225.00
For payment of Town Debt,	500.00
Soldiers' Relief,	350.00
Support of Poor,	500.00
Total,	$6,325.00

List of Jurors Proposed by the Selectmen.

George W. Jones, laborer.
Simeon Dodge, Jr., shoemaker.
George W. Patch, butcher.
Arthur D. Prince, farmer.
George E. Perkins, carpenter.
Nathaniel P. Perkins, farmer.
Frank E. Perkins, butcher.
Charles H. Stanton, farmer.
Jeremiah Kavanagh, retired.
Charles H. McQueeney, conductor.
David Pingree, farmer.
Leander F. Hodgdon, farmer.
Herbert W. Porter, carpenter.
Clarence E. Kimball, farmer.

Assessors' Report.

Number of male polls assessed,	257
Tax on each poll,	$2.00
Value of assessed personal estate,	$134,500.00
" " buildings,	$405,150.00
" " land,	$257,375.00

Total valuation,	$797,025.00
" tax,	$8,165.44
Rate per thousand,	$9.60
Number of horses,	267
" cows,	393
" sheep,	5
" other neat cattle than cows,	5
" swine,	102
" fowls,	1,825
" dwelling houses,	242
" acres of land,	4,540
" tax payers,	479
" " on property,	391
" " on poll tax only,	88

Report of Trustees of the Mary Perkins Fund.

Amount of income on hand Feb. 1st, 1897,	$295.28
Interest to February 1st, 1898,	150.00
Total,	$445.28
Paid to different persons in accordance with the provisions of the bequest,	217.92
Balance unexpended,	$227.36

Report of Cemetery Commissioners.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury February 13, 1897,	$172.00
From sale of cemetery lots,	257.00
Total,	$429.00

PAYMENTS.

To Charles E. Curtis, twelve stone posts,	$6.00
" Barton & Williams, " "	6.00

To Joseph M. Parsons, cement pipe,	$5.10
" Frank H. Tarr, hauling posts and pipe,	7.00
" " " labor in cemetery,	47.53
" George W. Jones, " "	29.45
" William T. Tucker, " "	20.90
" Warren Jones, " "	13.85
" Daniel A. Homan, " "	10.00
" Henry A. Cook, " "	6.20
" Elbridge Porter, " "	12.45
" " " gravel,	2.50
" Frank Stanley, "	4.00
" balance in the treasury,	258.02
Total,	$429.00

N. P. PERKINS,
J. H. PERKINS,
R. F. DODGE,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

Auditor's Report.

The undersigned, having examined the accounts of the several officers, finds the same correct with vouchers for the payments.

OTIS D. BREWER, Auditor.

Town Clerk's Report, 1897.

Fifteen births, eleven marriages and twenty-seven deaths, were recorded in Wenham in 1897.

Of the births, ten were males and five were females.

DEATHS.

1897		yrs.	mos.	days.
Jan. 4,	Henry Patch,	80	9	20
" 12,	Mary J. Murphy,	43		
" 25,	Joseph G. Kent,	85	2	13

			yrs.	mos.	days.
Feb.	4,	Kimball H. Drew (4th Mass. Battery Light Artillery),	62	4	14
Feb.	18,	Samuel C. Norcross,	48	7	
March	28,	Jason L. Williams,	77	7	
April	6,	Clarissa Breck,	85	1	11
"	7,	Mercy B. Clark,	65	3	20
May	6,	Mary P. Merrill,	86	6	13
July	21,	Sarah E. Kilham,	6	8	8
Aug.	14,	James Ellisson,	60	1	
"	16,	Mary A. Gibbons,	47	8	
Sept.	3,	Asa W. Trowt,	78	7	3
"	19,	Daniel Perkins,	82	8	1
Dec.	3,	George Alley (Co. B, 8th Regiment Mass. Infantry),	64		8

BROUGHT TO WENHAM FOR INTERMENT.

1897			yrs.	mos.	days.
Jan.	7,	Annie D. Smearage,	21	2	12
Feb.	10,	Carl L. Heron,	1	2	8
"	11,	Charles W. Merrill,	1	2	
March	9,	H. Sophia Henderson,	70	6	15
April	2,	Stillborn,	—	—	—
"	13,	Arthur M. Burgess,	18		6
"	16,	Arthur H. Dodge,	32	8	12
June	19,	Wm. Everett Dodge,	36	11	25
"	30,	Mary A. Dodge,	78	7	19
July	30,	Charles D. Wilkins,	45	4	
Aug.	26,	Frank Barnes,	—	11	2
Oct.	16,	Margaret E. Ober (army nurse 1862-1863, at Harewood Hospital, Washington D. C.),	52	1	16

DOGS.

One hundred and one dogs—ninety-two males and nine females—were licensed; and from the fees received therefor, the sum of two hundred and eight dollars and eighty cents was paid into the county treasury.

The sum refunded to the town was one hundred and eighty-four dollars and fifty-seven cents.

- Wellington Pool, Town Clerk.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

ESSEX, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham, in the County of Essex, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the said town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on MONDAY, the seventh day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2. To act on the annual reports of the Selectmen, School Committee, Trustees of the Public Library, and other town officers.

3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the year ensuing, make appropriation of the same, and determine the manner of collecting.

5. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, said loan or loans to be paid from the said taxes.

6. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors proposed by the Selectmen.

7. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the expenses of "Memorial Day," under the direction of the soldiers and sailors of Wenham.

8. To see if the town will vote to raise a sufficient sum of money to pay the State and Military Aid for the coming year.

9. To see what action the town will take in regard to truant scholars.

10. To hear the report of the committee appointed at the last annual town meeting, to inquire in regard to the merits of the different "chemical fire extinguishers," and act on the same.

11. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The ballot shall be "Yes" or "No."

12. To see if the town will vote to make certain changes in the town road machine so that the same may be used in pathing snow, by request of P. H. Kavanagh.

13. To see if the town will vote to raise a sufficient sum of money to print the valuation list for the year 1898, per petition of H. E. Durgin and others.

14. To see what action the town will take in regard to planting an arbor vitæ or cedar wind and snow break on Bomer street from the railroad crossing to a point near the residence of Joseph T. Haskell, per petition of J. Stanley Bell and others.

15. To see what action the town will take in regard to purchasing a snow plow for the West district, per petition of J. W. L. Moulton and others.

16. To see what action the town will take in regard to building a level road, starting at a point on the south side of Wenham Causeway or Bomer street crossing, thence following the base of the hill on westerly side, coming out on Maple street, at a point near or opposite Burley street, per petition of J. S. Bell and others.

17. To see if the town will raise a sufficient sum of money to build a number of reservoirs to be used in extinguishing fires, per petition of F. H. Tarr and others.

18. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to be used towards repairing the sidewalks in town, per petition of F. P. Stanton and others.

19. To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town House, one at the Baptist meeting house, one at A. D. & W. F. Trowt's store, one at the chapel at Mapleville, and one at the eastern part of the town, near the house of J. K. Dodge in said town, seven days, at least, before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this seventeenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

N. P. PERKINS,
J. H. PERKINS,
R. F. DODGE,
Selectmen of Wenham.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

For the Year Ending December 31

1897

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MILO A. NEWHALL & CO., PRINTERS
SALEM, MASS.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee herewith present to the citizens of Wenham their report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

The committee received and paid out for the maintenance of the public schools as follows :—

Town appropriation,	$1,400.00
State school fund,	345.03
Dog tax,	184.57
	$1,929.60
Paid for teaching,	$1,751.60
" fuel,	132.25
" care of rooms and building fires,	83.25
	$1,967.10
Paid for books, stationery, school-room supplies and school incidentals,	$154.87
Paid for repairs on school-rooms and furniture,	164.68

Number of persons in town on the first day of May, 1897, between five and fifteen years of age, one hundred fifty-three.

Number of public schools, five.

Number of different pupils of all ages in the public schools during the year, one hundred thirty-eight.

Number attending during the year over fifteen years of age, one.

Average membership of all the schools, 119.01.

Average attendance in all the public schools during the year, 112.8.

The per cent of attendance based upon the average membership, 94.7.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

In the report of the previous year, reference was made to the matter of text books in arithmetic. Early in the beginning of the year

the necessity of a change, if we would have our pupils keep in touch with the improvements of the times, pressed itself very strongly upon the attention of the committee, who gave the subject careful consideration and, after having examined and compared the merits of the several series sent them for examination, with a view to introduction, adopted the Rand-McNally series. With the introduction of the new books—which, after they had been put to the practical test of the school-room, received the unqualified indorsement of every teacher in town—a greater interest was taken by the pupils in this important branch of study.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The success and progress of the pupils is largely dependent upon the degree of interest cherished. It is reasonable and judicious to present as many attractions as possible, not only in the surroundings of the school-room, but in the books for reading, reference and study. With a view to carrying into effect this idea of purchasing books, which should constitute the nucleus for a school library to be increased from time to time, as funds were secured, the teachers and pupils of the Centre Grammar, Primary, Neck and East schools, have made an excellent beginning in raising money for the purchase of several volumes of excellent books, for each of the schools named. The committee desire to express their appreciation and thanks to the teachers, pupils and friends who have aided or contributed, in any way, to the accomplishment of so commendable an object.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

These have been held monthly through the summer and fall terms, but were discontinued during the winter term. The meetings were all held at the Centre Grammar room with the exception of one at the West and one at the Neck school-rooms. In each of the rooms where the meetings were held, the school was kept in session about one hour and the teacher conducted classes and exercises in regular school work, when the school was dismissed and the teacher's method of teaching, general management, etc., were fully considered and commented upon; in this particular the meetings have been made especially beneficial, as they secure for all the benefits and experience of those teachers who may excel in any particular subject. Special attention was given to methods and philosophy of teaching,

discipline, written examinations, etc., in which all the teachers have freely and heartily taken an active part. The first meeting in September was made especially instructive and helpful to the teachers, as we were favored with the presence of Mr. Kilborn, from D. C. Heath & Co. of Boston, who gave very clear and definite ideas as to the method of teaching the system of vertical writing, and from the suggestions received from Mr. Kilborn and put in practice by the teachers in their respective schools, very marked improvement was to be seen in the work of the pupils in this department of school labor. In regard to these meetings, it is the unanimous verdict of teachers and committee that the schools have been greatly benefited along the educational lines of common school work.

WRITING.

By reference to the last school report it will be seen that there was a change made of copy books, and with the change of books a change in the system of writing, viz., from the slant to the vertical. The change not having been effected until very near the close of the year, no intelligent report could be made as to the results or wisdom of the change, which "was not made in haste or without due consideration." By an extended personal examination and comparison, so far as we were able, of the two systems, your committee became fully convinced that, for all purposes for which penmanship is to be taught in our schools, as well as for its application to the every day affairs of life, the vertical system was decidedly preferable in point of true merit and practical utility, hence its adoption. This point settled, the question then to be decided was what special copy books should be adopted. From the books examined, as previously reported, those published by D. C. Heath & Co. were selected as the copy books to be used in all of the public schools in the town.

"The natural system of vertical writing" has been exclusively used in the public schools of Wenham during the past school year, and notwithstanding the change from the slant to that of the vertical method was in itself radical, yet teachers and pupils have given themselves to the mastery of the new method with a determination and zeal that knows neither discouragement nor defeat. The development of the system and the effect of so radical a departure from the previous method of writing have been watched with much inter-

est and no little solicitude, by those who are and must be held responsible for the innovation in the method of penmanship. Judged by the improvement made by our pupils in the use of the vertical system during the past year as compared with that done previously while using the slant method of penmanship, your committee feel that they made no mistake in adopting "The Natural System of Vertical Writing" as the system to be taught in the public schools of Wenham.

In observing the development of the new system as seen in the daily work of the pupils and the readiness and ease with which those pupils who were accustomed to the slant method changed from that to the vertical form of writing, we have felt that there was a peculiar appropriateness in the name of the system adopted; and that it commends itself and possesses genuine merit, is shown from the unqualified approval it has received from those who have in any way made themselves acquainted with the few simple, practical principles upon which it is based.

As the space usually allowed to the school report does not permit of a full discussion of the vertical as compared with the slant method of writing, we will only mention a few points in the vertical which, in the judgment of the committee, give to it a very decided preference over the latter. It is more practical, as the child from the start is required to do just what it will of necessity be obliged to do on leaving school and entering upon the duties of citizenship, viz.: that his or her writing will have to be done without the use of guide lines, as in the Heath's system there is the omission of all such, the single base line only being given through the entire series—a very strong point of excellence, for in the absence of all such confining restraints individuality is promoted rather than suppressed. It is more quickly and easily taught, is more legible and is adapted to rapidity in practice.

If there were *any* doubts in the minds of those who were responsible for the change in the system of writing in our schools, at the time of its introduction, those doubts were completely dissipated when the results of the year's work in penmanship were seen at the examinations at the close. The work done by each teacher and the improvement made by the pupils of the several schools are worthy of unqualified commendation. The committee do not hesitate to state

that, in their judgment, better work in writing was never done or better results shown in any one year in the schools of Wenham, than is to be found in the work of the teachers and pupils during the year just closed.

MUSIC.

By reference to the report of 1896 it will be seen that in so far as music was taught in the schools the work was mostly done by the teachers of the respective schools, with the exception of the East and Neck schools, where, during a few weeks preceding the close of the year, the services of a special teacher were secured to give instruction in this department, which the committee felt was somewhat in the nature of an experiment, as they remembered previous efforts in this matter. Enough, however, was developed—during this time—to convince them that the services of a special teacher in music would prove not only beneficial but a success, and at the beginning of the summer term, Miss Sarah C. Prince, who had made so good a beginning in the East and Neck schools during the preceding term, was appointed the general teacher of music in all of the schools in town with the exception of the one at the West district, where Miss Manning continued the work of the previous year in music.

Miss Prince was engaged to give one lesson weekly to each school under her supervision and to indicate to each teacher what she wished to have done as supplementary work. In order that work in music should rest upon a sure basis and possess the merit of practical application, Miss Prince gave special attention to the first principles of music—its elements—so that reading by letter or note by the pupils is readily done, also the quality of tone and expression and all the concomitants of primary musical execution received very careful attention.

The work in music as taken from the teacher's record is as follows: Rhythmics or length, notes, rests, measures and bars. Melodics or pitch, staff and scales. Dynamics or power, tie and slur. Transposition, keys of G, D, A, F, B♭, E♭; signatures; singing by rote and note.

In so far as your committee are competent to judge of the work accomplished in music, they believe it has been very faithfully, sys-

tematically and wisely performed, and that the progress made by the pupils and the successful efforts of the teacher, render the work in music taught as a science, a subject no longer to be considered in the light of an experiment in our schools, but should hold a *permanent* place in our system of school instruction, as it not only breaks up the monotony of school life and adds new zest for other studies, but is also a never failing source of pleasure and culture to the school, to the family and to the social circle.

EAST SCHOOL.

It has been greatly to the advantage of the pupils in this district that they have continued their school work during the past year under the instruction and discipline of their former teacher, Miss Florence E. Dodge, whose labors the previous year and the results attending those labors, left no doubt in the minds of the committee as to their duty in providing this school with a teacher, and that that teacher should be Miss Dodge.

Commencing the year with a commendable desire to promote the welfare of her pupils, the teacher labored faithfully and successfully, securing real progress—mental growth. As a result of determined effort and unremitting labor on the part of the teacher there was an increased general interest, attended by a manifest improvement in application, energy and promptness on the part of the pupils.

In visiting the school, it was pleasing to witness the apparent pleasant feeling that existed between the teacher and her pupils and to know that the teacher had the full sympathy and co-operation of all the parents. The success of a school under such conditions is assured, in advance.

The work during the year was as follows: In arithmetic, the first class began with long measure and studied as far as interest; the second class began with denominate numbers and continued as far as percentage; the third class took fractions, common and decimal, denominate numbers and long measure; the fourth class, exercises in numbers from one to one thousand, tables of weights and measures, addition and subtraction. In grammar, the first class, simple and complex sentences, with parsing and analysis; the second class began sentence making and continued as far as de-

clension. In physiology, first class finished the book; second class began with the framework of the body and continued as far as the five senses. In geography, the first class began with North America and finished the book; the second class began the book and studied the New England States, Middle Atlantic, Southern, Central, Pacific States and Territories; the third class began with the shape of the earth and continued through North America. In history—Eggleston's—first class finished the book; second class, beginning with the discovery of America, studied as far as the Civil War; third class—Goodrich—finished the book. To the foregoing must be added the exercises in reading, spelling, writing and drawing. It will be seen, from an inspection of the year's work, that the quantity was amply sufficient to thoroughly occupy the time and attention of the pupils and as to the quality of that work, your committee would say a good report could be given.

The supervision of the school and its work was made exceedingly pleasant and encouraging by the evidences of progress furnished in the daily recitations, whenever conducted either by the teacher or committee.

The per cent of daily attendance for the entire year was 94.7.

The examination, which was made Tuesday, P. M., Dec. 21st, left no doubt in the judgment of the examiners as to the thoroughness of the instruction or the effectiveness of the discipline during the past year. The several classes of the school were examined, so far as time would permit, in all the principal subjects to which they had given attention and gave unqualified satisfaction to those having the school in charge. The close attention of the pupils at the time of recitation, the distinct tone of voice in giving their answers and the promptness with which they responded to all demands made, either by teacher or committee, were deserving of special commendation.

Not absent during the fall and winter terms—Fannie K. Wyatt. During the year—Clara E. Williams, Addie E. Williams and Lena Gertrude Williams.

NECK SCHOOL.

This school was in charge of Miss Laura G. Johnson, the teacher of the previous year, until the close of the winter term, Mar. 5th, 1897. During the vacation Miss Johnson resigned and the vacancy

was filled by the appointment of Miss Altai Maud Hill of Goodwin's Mills, Me., who entered upon her duties at the commencement of the spring term, April 5th.

Miss Hill, though she came a stranger to the school, was not unacquainted with the requirements of the school-room, having had previous experience as a teacher. She is thoroughly well qualified for the duties of her chosen profession in reference to literary preparation and attainments; these, combined with natural adaptability to the demands of the school work, were regarded by those entrusted with the duty of providing teachers for our schools, as natural guarantees of success in this, her new field of labor. In visiting the school, soon after Miss Hill was put in charge, and carefully observing her general management, method of instruction, ability and tact in the discipline and government of her pupils, it was very apparent that she was no stranger to the work to which she had been assigned. The general management of the school was definite in character and systematic in detail, the government firm, equitable and effective, the instruction was scholarly and comprehensive in scope, thoroughly adapted to give a clear insight into the subjects taught. In her instruction Miss Hill is not confined to the text book—using it as a means, not as an end, toward the development of a subject.

Much work was done, as will be seen by an examination of the ground covered, by some of the classes during the year, as shown by the following, taken from the teacher's record: In arithmetic, first class reviewed entire book after taking square and cube root and mensuration, with daily recitations in mental arithmetic; second class completed decimals, compound numbers, measurements and began percentage, with daily work in mental arithmetic; third class, multiplication and division, reviewed, addition and subtraction of fractions and compound numbers. In language, first class, verbs, clauses, analysis and parsing with composition; second class, parts of speech, analysis of simple, complex and compound sentences, composition and business letters. In geography, first class reviewed entire book; second class began the large geography and studied as far as South America; third class, the earth as a globe, atmosphere surrounding it, its zones, circles, divisions, direction of mountain ridges, soil, slopes, North America and its countries. In history,

first class reviewed Barnes' history; second class Colonial, Revolutionary and Mexican wars and epoch preceding Civil War. In physiology, studied the skin, lungs, circulation, brain, eye, ear, mouth, voice and effect of alcohol on each organ and sense. Literature, studied life of Longfellow and Whittier. Nature Work, spring term, studied flowers, parts, divisions, etc., wrote descriptions of common plants; pressed and mounted nearly one hundred varieties, classified them in families and learned botanical names; noticed especially the staminate and pistillate flowers and the means provided by the Creator for the distribution of the pollen; fall term, studied fruit, kinds, use, seeds, leaves, simple and compound, shape, veining, margin, apex and base; winter term, studied stems, development, exogenous and endogenous, buds, formation, position of leaves with reference to buds, unfolding and use. The foregoing is but a partial showing of the work of the school, while in charge of Miss Hill, and that it was well done can be fully verified by a personal visit and inspection of the daily work of the school.

In attendance the school has made a very decided gain, as will appear by comparing the daily attendance of the preceding year, which was 87.4 per cent, with that of the past year, which was 97.5 per cent, a gain of 10.1 per cent, which in point of daily attendance, gives the school the highest rank in town.

The examination of the school on Wednesday, P. M., Dec. 22d, exhibited substantial progress. It was thorough, comprehensive and highly satisfactory. All the classes bore the tests, and proved by their prompt and generally correct answers and explanations, that they had been thoroughly and correctly instructed in all of their school work. The results of the examination proved conclusively that the school had been directed by Miss Hill along the best lines of the more advanced educational methods—and was progressive without being experimental.

Not absent during the summer term—Amy Lovett, Frank Lovett, Blanche Young, Alice Lovett, Alice Dodge and Alonzo Young. Fall term—Jennie Lovett, Roy Young and Alonzo Young. Winter term—Roy Young. During the year—Lucy Cole and Louis Dodge.

The committee would take this occasion to express their appreciation and thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hadlock, for their gift to the Neck school, of a beautiful lithograph picture of the steamship, John Englis.

CENTRE PRIMARY.

During the past year this school was in charge of three different teachers; for the winter term of the previous year until Jan. 22d, 1897, the school was in charge of Miss Marion Sanborn, when she resigned. Of the school while under the instruction and government of Miss Sanborn a good report can be given. To fill the vacancy, the committee considered themselves fortunate in being able to secure the services of Miss Anna L. Prince, who consented to take charge of the school for the remainder of the winter term and entered upon her duties January 27. Miss Prince, as a teacher, needs no formal introduction to the citizens of Wenham, she having previously served the town under like circumstances, in the school at the Neck, during the summer term of 1895. Miss Prince was in charge of the school until February 26th, when, in consequence of the breaking out of measles among the pupils, the school was closed two weeks before the end of the term. The quality of the daily work of the school was very satisfactory. Energy, system and tact were prominent features of the teacher. The condition of the school, both as to instruction and government during the time it was in charge of Miss Prince, gave excellent satisfaction, and the committee would have liked to retain her as teacher in this department had she not accepted a position elsewhere.

At the commencement of the spring term the school was put in care of Miss Louis M. Merriam, of Lawrence, Mass., who came highly recommended as a teacher, both as to government and instruction, by those under whose supervision she had previously taught. During the first week of the school, while in charge of Miss Merriam, it was visited by your committee for the purpose of making themselves acquainted with its condition, its classification by the teacher, her general management, method of imparting instruction and the government of her pupils. In this visit and inspection of the daily routine work, the committee felt that the interests of the school were committed to a competent, earnest and faithful teacher, and subsequent visits and a more thorough knowledge of the work and the manner of its accomplishment so fully confirmed this opinion, that they believed it was for the best interest of the school that it should be continued under the same control and at the close of the first term Miss Merriam was engaged to continue her labors here.

During the latter part of the fall term there were some complaints touching the instruction and management of the teacher. The only one in which there was any justifiable ground for complaint was in regard to the teacher's method of ventilating her schoolroom, which was by opening the windows while the school was in session, by which the children were exposed to drafts of cold air. Such *exposure* was *wrong* and as soon as the teacher's attention was called to this matter the cause was *immediately removed.* Other unfavorable criticisms, regarding the work of the teacher,—and there were some—were, in the judgment of your committee, without foundation in fact, and must have been made either by those who were not familiar with the actual work and the manner in which it was done by personal inspection of that work, or they were not intelligent judges of school discipline in its best and broadest sense.

Did space permit we would be glad to give, in detail, the work of each class, which could not fail to convince those familiar with primary school employment, that the ground covered must have required diligent and persistent effort on the part of the teacher. The daily attendance for the entire year was 92.4, a gain of 2.9 per cent over that of the preceding year.

The examination, including the work of the year, made on Thursday, A. M., Dec. 23d, furnished satisfactory evidence of faithful efforts on the part of the teacher in directing the mental training of those committed to her care and instruction. The inspection of the work as it passed in review, from those in their first experience of school life to those farther advanced in their educational efforts, gave unmistakable proofs of correct methods and thorough teaching. The school, under the care of its three different teachers, made substantial progress from the beginning to the close of the year.

Not absent during the summer term—Florence Alley. Fall term—Marion Grey. Winter term to Dec. 24th—Mercy Abbott, LeRoy Clark, Grace Perkins, LeRoy Stanley and Melvina Stanton.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Mrs. Grace R. Gould, who had charge of this school during the preceding four years, retained her place, very much to the satisfaction of the patrons and those having the general care of this depart-

ment. Early in the school year, it was very evident to the committee that teacher and pupils had entered upon their year's school work with equal if not more than their usual interest and determination.

At the outset the teacher mapped out the work she desired to accomplish by her instruction during the year. Her work well considered and clearly defined in her own mind, Mrs. Gould gave herself earnestly and inflexibly to the accomplishment of her fixed purpose and strong desire, which was to bring her pupils up to a higher and more extended intellectual plane than she had ever been able to do, during the preceding four years of her connection with the school.

The instruction was eminently practical, critical and systematic, and of very much wider range than the mere text books. A clear perception of what is desirable in a school, thorough discipline, facility and dispatch in school-room duties, variety, promptness and accuracy in the recitations, were distinguishing features in this department. There was a very pleasing uniformity in the grade of attainments of the several classes. While obedience to school requirements was sought and secured, the teacher's chief object seemed to be to secure thoroughness in the studies and promptness in the recitations, in which efforts she was singularly successful. It was evident to those having the supervision of the school that there was a steady and gratifying increase of interest from the beginning, with a corresponding progress in the studies pursued.

There was much to be approved in the reading, though in some instances, more attention was needed in respect to distinct enunciation and correct pronunciation and expression. In arithmetic, both written and mental, every step in the mental operation in analysis was clearly stated, affording good evidence that the pupils understood clearly the principles stated and the work performed. A good beginning was made in algebra. Excellent work was accomplished in history, the recitations were mostly by topics instead of the more general method of questions. In grammar, the first class gave much attention to parsing and analysis and written exercises; the second class studied parts of speech, kind of sentences, etc., in connection with written work; the work of the third class was largely dictation, with various kinds of written exercises. The work done in these

classes as appeared from the daily recitations, whenever listened to by the committee, was thorough and practical, clearly showing that principles had been fixed in the mind, only as they had been understood and not merely lodged there by the power of memory. The same exactness and thoroughness were apparent in the recitations in geography and physiology, and in short, in all departments of school-room work.

Written examinations, from time to time, with a view to testing the thoroughness of the pupils in their work, were continued as in previous years. As in the primary, so in this school, in consequence of the prevalence of measles the school was closed two weeks before the end of the first term.

Two weeks before the close of the fall term, Mrs. Gould informed the committee that she wished to close her connection as teacher, with the school, at the end of that term, which she did very much to the regret of most, if not to every one, in any way connected with the interest and success of this school.

Though the past year completes the fifth of Mrs. Gould's connection with this department, there has been a steady and real progress from beginning to the close, and during the entire time it has deserved and received favorable notice; yet at no time has it merited more special commendation for excellence of work and results realized than during the last year.

The vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mrs. Gould, was filled by the appointment of Miss Lillian A. Ridley of Springvale, Me., who began her labors on Monday, Nov. 29th, only five weeks before the close of the school year. The short connection of Miss Ridley with the school requires but a brief notice, since but little can be effected in so short a time. She came to her work, in the judgment of your committee, with ample literary qualifications and with an earnest desire to discharge faithfully her duties in all school requirements. The first visit to the school after her connection with it gave favorable indications of her adaptation to the work of the school, and a more intimate acquaintance with her methods of instruction and government somewhat strengthened those indications.

The examination took place on Thursday, P. M., Dec. 23d, a little less than four weeks from the time Miss Ridley was put in charge of the school. The reading was generally good as to tone of voice and

inflection, but somewhat deficient in expression. In arithmetic the principles were clearly stated, and questions solved with facility and correctly. While the classes in grammar and geography gave a good account of their work in these branches, those in history were worthy of special commendation for the quality of the work accomplished as shown by the examination. For want of time the classes in physiology and the one in algebra were omitted. The exercises of the examination were very satisfactory, especially so, considering the circumstances. The per cent of daily attendance for the year was 93·5·

Not absent during the Summer term—Fred S. Brewer. Fall term —C. Roland Dudley, Gertrude D. Kimball and Alice W. Patch. Winter term—Fred S. Brewer, C. Roland Dudley, Marion P. Dodge, Ruth M. Kimball and Alice W. Patch. During the year—Laura A. Sargent, Alice F. Kimball and Edith C. Alley.

WEST SCHOOL.

In this school, the services of the tried and approved teacher, Miss Rose A. Manning, have insured another year of commendable progress in school work. From the record of this school is to be seen the advantage of continuing the labors of a successful teacher. In any department of labor, and that of the school-room will prove no exception, skill and efficiency come from continued effort. Miss Manning's previous connection and knowledge of the conditions and requirements of the school, her tact and promptness in the discharge of school-room duties and her previous success in the instruction and discipline of the school, inspired high expectations in the minds of the committee, and it gives them great pleasure to report that, in the character and scope of the work and the results realized, those expectations were fully met. Under Miss Manning's discipline the school greatly improved in its general outward appearance as well as in its mental condition, acquiring improved habits of mental application.

The way of aiding her pupils to overcome the difficulties which are often met with while pursuing their studies, was wise and highly commendable; it was to assist the scholars, by a few suggestions, to solve their own, instead of directly removing the difficulties herself,

thereby leading the pupils to rely more upon themselves and their own individual efforts and less upon the teacher. Much care was given to the reading exercises, which were attended by good results, as seen in more distinct articulation and better inflection than formerly. The "drill" in mental and written arithmetic was thorough and the advancement made, very satisfactory. The class in grammar was carefully taught and drilled in the first principles, which were practically applied in written sentences. The work in language was a continuance of that so well begun the preceding year. That accomplished in geography, history and physiology, is deserving of favorable notice.

Miss Manning is peculiarly fortunate in being able to adapt he instruction not only to those more advanced in school work, but also to those just beginning to take their first steps in school life. The kindergarten methods, with the chart work in reading and numbers, were used for this class of little folk, who received careful, patient and watchful care in their first efforts in school-room employment. The relations existing between the teacher and her pupils were well calculated to inspire mutual confidence and respect. A school thus instructed and governed, with uninterrupted harmony between teacher and pupils, aided by the sympathy and support of parents and friends of the school, must, from such conditions, prove a *success*, and such is the record of this school, in so far as it is known to the committee. The per cent of daily attendance for the entire year was 96.2.

The work of the year was as follows: In arithmetic, first class, commission, interest and partial payments; second class, fractions, common and decimal; third class, fundamental processes, factoring, multiples and divisors; with a large share of work in mental arithmetic by each class. In geography, first class, Canada, Mexico, Central America, South America, Europe, Asia and Africa; second class, from the beginning of the book, through the Southern States; the third class—primary geography—from the commencement, through the Southern States. In grammar, general review of the book, analysis and parsing, by the first class; definitions to modifications, analysis of simple sentences, dictation work, etc., by the second class; parts of speech, simple sentences, quotations and compositions, was the work in language of the third class. In history, from the Revolutionary through the Civil War, by the first

class; the second class, from the discovery of America through the settlements of the early colonies; with reading, spelling and writing by each class.

The examination at the close of the school year, which was held on Friday, A. M., Dec. 24th, was entirely satisfactory. The work of the pupils in all of the studies to which they had attended, as well as the quality of the instruction received by them, was thoroughly tested. In arithmetic, the principles were clearly presented, and the reasons definitely given. The recitations in language, parsing and analysis, as well as in geography, evinced the same familiarity and correctness. While all of the classes gave ample proof of thoroughness, those in history were especially noticeable for the excellence of their labor and attainments in this study. It can be said of this school in its entirety, it was a success.

Not absent during the Summer term—Ruth E. Bowden, Arthur Cook, Bertha M. Kimball and Willie M. Cook. Fall term—Blanche E. Herrick and Lester W. Stanley. Winter term—Curtland C. Brown, Arthur Cook, Willie M. Cook, Jessima E. Dyer, Edmund G. Haskell, Blanche E. Herrick, Maud M. Hill, Lester W. Stanley, and John H. Tiney. During the year—Roscoe B. Bachelder, Ida M. Cook, George G. Hodgdon, Alice A. Tiney and Ida E. Tiney. George G. Hodgdon has not been absent or tardy for four years, the entire time he has been a member of the school.

In reviewing the events and work of the school year 1897, we find our schools have been, as in preceding years, the same busy centers of mental culture. The committee believe it is not too much to say that, so far as the external conditions of the schools, and the discipline and attainments of the pupils, are concerned, there has been no time, during their connection with them, in which the standard has been so high and satisfactory, or more deserving the sympathy, co-operation and financial support of all our citizens who are in any way interested in the education of the children of Wenham.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS M. DODGE,
ELBRIDGE PORTER,
WILLIAM B. MORGAN,
} School Committee of Wenham.

Thirteenth Annual Report

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

To the Citizens of Wenham:

The Trustees of the Public Library herewith present the following report for the year ending Jan. 31, 1898:—

The following named gentlemen compose the present Board of Trustees:—

Elbridge Porter, Chairman,	present term	expires		1898.
Benjamin H. Conant, Secretary,	"	"	"	1899.
Henry A. Moulton, Librarian,	"	"	"	1900.
Charles H. Stanton,	"	"	"	1899.
Frank H. Tarr,	"	"	"	1900.
Rev. Arthur N. Ward,	"	"	"	1898.

At the beginning of the year, the town's appropriation of $150.00 was apportioned as follows: For printing a supplement to the catalogue, $50.00; for binding books and other incidentals, $50.00; for purchase of new books, $50.00. At that time it was expected that the supplement to the catalogue would be issued some time during the year, but various circumstances delayed the work until so late in the season that it was thought better to defer its publication until after the next annual purchase of books, consequently the amount assigned for that purpose has not yet been expended.

There being so many extra expenses to be met during the year, left but a comparatively small sum to be applied to the purchase of new books; but by selecting some of the lower priced books, the number of volumes added to the library will compare favorably with previous years.

In addition to books purchased, quite a number of volumes have been donated by different individuals. There has also been given to the library, within a little over a year, a large lot of unbound magazines, from which sixty-seven volumes have been bound and placed upon the shelves. We have now on hand a considerable quantity of odd numbers, Harper's, Century, Scribner's and others.

Doubtless in many of the houses in town there is stowed away

much more material of this kind, which, if the owners would present to the library, would be available to fill up incomplete volumes. Complete sets of these magazines are a very desirable acquisition to any public library, and should be secured as fast as possible. As time goes on the earlier volumes become more difficult to obtain. We hope the people will look into their closets and attics, and see if something more in this line cannot be found.

Perhaps the most notable event of the past year was the receipt of a legacy of $125.00 bequeathed to the library by the late Edwin D. Hawkins of Stoneham, Mass., who died March 8, 1897. Notice of this bequest was received early in the year, and inquiry made as to whom it should be paid. The reply directed it to be sent to the town treasurer, Mr. Wm. F. Trowt, and some weeks later it was received by him. In June, a meeting of the trustees was held to consider what disposition should be made of this legacy. At that time the money had not been received by the town treasurer, and therefore no definite action was taken, but it was the unanimous opinion of the members present, that no part of this money should be used for the purchase of books of a trifling character, but rather, that it should either be deposited as the nucleus of a fund, or expended for books of real educational value. Among other plans, one similar to that proposed to, and accepted by, the Boston Public Library, by the Papyrus Club of Boston, in relation to their testimonial to their late member, John Boyle O'Reilly, was suggested. At a meeting of the trustees held Oct. 11, the full board being present, this plan was adopted, and the following votes in regard to the legacy unanimously passed :—

Voted, that the Trustees of the Wenham Public Library gratefully accept, and hereby acknowledge, this generous and wholly unexpected gift.

In relation to its disposition, it was voted :

1st. That one hundred dollars of the above named legacy (to be known as the E. D. Hawkins fund), shall be invested as the trustees shall direct, and that the income which may accrue from this investment shall be applied to the purchase of books of permanent value for the library.

2d. That in each volume purchased with the proceeds of this legacy, there shall be inserted a special book-plate, which shall des-

ignate the source from which the book was obtained, thus keeping the donor in perpetual remembrance.

3d. That the balance of the legacy over and above the one hundred dollars above mentioned, shall be expended for standard works for the library.

4th. Should the amount invested become at any future time impaired, then the income shall be allowed to accumulate and be added to the principal until the original sum of one hundred dollars shall be reached.

5th. That for the present, the above named fund shall be deposited in the Beverly Savings Bank.

6th. That the Secretary of the Trustees be authorized to draw from the town treasurer the full amount of the legacy, and that he shall deposit one hundred dollars as directed in the preceding vote, also that he expend the balance for books for the library, and procure the special book-plate before mentioned.

In accordance with these votes, the deposit has been made, the book-plates obtained, and a part of the balance expended, as directed.

The following brief biographical sketch of the donor of this legacy has been prepared, which it is thought may not be out of place at this time.

Edwin Dodge Hawkins, eldest son of Benj. F. and Eliza A. (Dodge) Hawkins, was born in Wenham, Mass., July 27, 1841, (according to his own statement, in the brick house on the corner of Main and Larch streets.) His boyhood and youth were spent in his native town, where he attended the public schools, and learned the trade of shoemaking, which was at that time one of the principal occupations of the inhabitants. At the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, he was living in Tamworth, N. H., where he enlisted in the 3d N. H. Vols. Just before leaving for the seat of war, he was married, Aug. 1861, to Miss Lizzie D. Chesley of Tamworth. He served but a few months in the army, when, being taken down with a severe sickness, he was sent back to Fort Hamilton in N. Y. Harbor, where he was soon discharged and sent to his home in Tamworth on a bed. In 1862 he removed to Stoneham, Mass., where he made his home for the remainder of his life.

In 1864 he re-enlisted in the 5th Mass. Vol. Militia for 100 days.

It was during this term of service, that he received a sunstroke, from the effects of which he never fully recovered, and which afterwards brought on a spinal complaint which finally resulted in his death, March 8, 1897. While living in Stoneham, he worked at his trade of shoemaking, and later on, opened a fish market, which he kept until 1880, when he was obliged to give up work altogether. His wife died in 1869. They had one daughter, Mrs. Frank O. Bryant, who is now living in Wolfboro, N. H. In 1871 he married Mrs. Archann M. Clement of Stoneham, who survives him, and who cared faithfully for him all through his long and tedious illness. For the last ten years of his life he was confined to the house, and though at times a great sufferer, he bore it all with patience and fortitude, cheered and comforted by the tender ministrations of his faithful, devoted wife. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Odd Fellows, and some other organizations. For several years he received a liberal pension from the government. He has always taken a lively interest in the affairs of his native town, as is evinced by his correspondence with friends residing here, and by his generous gift to the public library. He also bequeathed $125 to the Congregational Sunday School in Wenham (of which he was a member in his boyhood), for the benefit of its library.

Delegations from the various organizations to which he belonged attended the funeral services and escorted the remains to the place of interment in Lindenwood cemetery, Stoneham.

(NOTE. In the preparation of the foregoing sketch, we have drawn largely from an obituary notice which appeared in the Stoneham Independent of March 13, 1897.)

In addition to this larger gift, the library has received from various sources, donations of books and other matter of value. From Richard E. Dodge, a subscription to his new magazine, "The Journal of School Geography." From Peter H. Hadlock, fourteen volumes, mostly suitable for boys' reading. From Mrs. Hiram L. Roberts, two valuable historical sermons delivered by Rev. Daniel Mansfield in 1844, on the 200th anniversary of the Congregational Church in Wenham, also the sermon preached at the ordination of Rev. Jeremiah Taylor in 1847, and other interesting papers. From Mrs. Mary B. Robbins, a large collection of magazines and other miscellaneous matter. From R. C. Winthrop, Jr., the memoirs of his

father, Hon. Robert C. Winthrop. From the State House, Boston, and from Washington, D. C., a larger number of public documents than usual. Hon. Wm. H. Moody, M. C., has continued the Daily Congressional Record, and is also sending the Monthly Bulletins of the Bureau of American Republics. The publishers of the Wenham and Hamilton Star have continued that paper another year. Other individuals have contributed books and other material of value to the library, to each and all of whom we would hereby extend our grateful acknowledgments.

We have also effected with the public library of Clinton, Mass., an exchange of town histories.

CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

Every book belonging to the library was returned at the annual examination. One book, which had been carelessly damaged beyond repair, has been paid for. As usual there are a considerable number of books in a more or less worn out condition. Some of these may be re-bound and thus given a new lease of usefulness, while others might as well be withdrawn from the library, and their places supplied with books of a higher literary value. If the books could be handled more carefully by readers in general, they would last much longer and thus save a good deal of needless expense for repairs. Children, especially, should be taught at home to be as careful of books borrowed from the library, as they would be of their own. The custom of carrying books tightly strapped together is oftentimes injurious to the bindings. A better way, and one that would also protect the books from the weather, would be to provide a suitable satchel for their conveyance to and from the library.

NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY.

The publication of the supplement to the catalogue being largely provided for, the next most important problem to be considered is that of providing additional room to accommodate the natural growth of the library. A library, to be efficient, should have ample room to arrange its books in a convenient and orderly manner, so that its resources may be available at short notice. When it becomes so crowded that books have to be piled up without much regard to order, its usefulness is very much impaired.

The erection of a stack in the centre of the present room will

give relief for one or two years. Beyond that time we can see no way to accommodate the further expansion of the library in its present quarters. If the library is to be kept abreast of the times, as it certainly should be, more room *must very soon* be provided. It is hoped this matter will not be passed over without due consideration.

Another matter which should receive immediate attention is that of insurance. We have too valuable a library to risk its entire destruction in case of fire.

Statistics of the library for the year ending Jan. 31, 1898.

CIRCULATION.

Evenings the library has been open for delivery of books,	47
Volumes lent at Central library,	2,575
" " East Wenham branch,	350
Total number of volumes lent,	2,925
Volumes renewed,	171
Average weekly delivery,	62
Largest " " Dec. 8,	77
Smallest " " June 30,	17
Volumes lost,	0
" damaged and paid for,	1
Number of different individuals who have taken books during the year,	217
New names added during the year,	32
Whole number of different individuals who have taken books since the present system has been in use (1893),	411

CLASSIFICATION AND USE.

	Volumes catalogued Jan. 31, 1897.	Volumes added.	Volumes catalogued Jan. 31, 1898.	Volumes lent at Central Library.	Volumes lent at East Wenham Branch.	Whole No. Volumes lent.	Per cent of circulation.
History,	231	23	254	69	11	80	
Biography,	205	14	219	48	5	53	
Travels and Descriptive,	165	11	176	106	3	109	
Science and Agriculture,	120	7	127	44	3	47	
Poetry,	46	1	47	6	1	7	
Religion,	48	7	55	3	3	6	
Miscellaneous,	182	30	212	138	5	143	
Totals, other than Fiction,	997	93	1,090	414	31	445	15.21
Fiction,	1,080	54	1,134	2,161	319	2,480	84.79
Totals, including Fiction,	2,077	147	2,224	2,575	350	2,925	100.00

ACCESSIONS.

	Catalogued.	Not Catalogued.	Total.
Volumes in library Jan. 31, 1897,	2,077	573	2,650
" added by purchase from general fund,	79	0	79
" added by purchase from E. D. Hawkins fund,	13	0	13
" added by donation,	26	49	75
" " exchange,	1	0	1
" magazines bound from numbers donated,	28	0	28
Volumes in the library Jan. 31, 1898,	2,224	622	2,846

Pamphlets in library Jan. 31, 1897,	311
" added by donation,	62
" in library Jan. 31, 1898,	373

Donations to the library for the year ending Jan. 31, 1898.

	Bound Volumes.	Pamphlets.	Periodicals, etc.
Bates & Guild Co., Boston, Mass.,		1	
Beverly, Mass., Public Library,		1	
Danvers, Mass., Town Clerk,	1		
Davis, Horace, San Francisco, Cal.,		1	
Dodge, Richard E., New York,		1	11 numbers.
Hadlock, Peter H., Wenham,	14		
King, Henry F., West Newton, Mass.,		1	
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library,		3	
McCormick Harvesting Machine Co., Chicago, Ill.,	1		
Mass. Agr'l College, Amherst, Mass.,		26	
Mass. Sec'y Commonwealth, Boston,	30	1	
" State Library, Boston,		1	
" Trustees, Public Reservations, Boston,		1	
Moody, Hon. Wm. H., Washington, D. C.,	1	3	Cong. Record
Morse Institute Library, Natick, Mass.,		2	
Perkins, James H., Jr., Wenham,	1		

	Bound Volumes.	Pamphlets.	Periodicals, etc.
Perkins, N. Porter, Wenham,	1		
Pool, Wellington, "		2	Miscel. papers
Robbins, Mrs. Mary B., "			119 Nos. and other miscellaneous matter.
Roberts, Mrs. Hiram L., "		3	Miscel. papers
Salem, Mass., Public Library,		3	
" " Water Board,		1	
Thurston, Lorrin A., Washington, D. C.,		1	
United States, Bureau of American Republics,		2	7 numbers.
United States, Bureau of Education,	6	13	
" " Dept. of the Interior (11th census),	1		
United States, Interstate Commission	1		
" " Naval War Records,	2		
" " Smithsonian Institution,	8		
Wenham, Mass., Cong. Sunday School,	15		
" " Town Clerk,		1	
Wenham-Hamilton Star, publishers,			1 subscription.
Winthrop, R. C., Jr., Boston, Mass.,	1		
	83	68	
Duplicates, not included in accession report	8	6	
Donations included in accession report	75	62	

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1898.

Cash in treasury Feb. 1, 1897,	$ .60
Unexpended balance with town treasurer,	2.36
Town appropriation, March, 1897,	150.00
Received for fines during the year,	5.35
" for cards " "	.28
" for two catalogues,	.50
" for damaged book,	1.00
" from Rev. A. N. Ward, for book,	1.00
Total,	$161.09

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of Trustees to Boston,	$ 6.85
De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., books, 57 vols.,	50.86
Henry A. Moulton, " 2 "	2.00
Benj. H. Conant, " 21 "	6.22
" Odd numbers magazines,	3.50
" 2 Record books,	1.50
" E. D. Hawkins book-plates,	1.25
F. J. Barnard & Co., binding magazines and books,	36.96
American Express,	1.30
Charles F. Elliott, boards for shelves,	1.20
Postage and other incidentals	2 03
	$113.67

Balance, January 31, 1898, $47.42

Of this balance, $46.42 is with the town treasurer, and $1, (the amount received for damaged book,) in the library treasury.

EDWIN D. HAWKINS LEGACY.

Oct. 19, 1897,	Received from W. F. Trowt, town treasurer,		$125.00
" 20, "	Deposited in Beverly Savings Bank,	$100.00	
" 29, "	Expended for books, 13 vols.,	19.54	
			$119.54
	Cash balance in treasury,		$5.46

February 17, 1898, Paid W. F. Trowt, town treasurer, the amount received for fines, etc., to January 31, 1898, $7.73

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. H. CONANT,
Secretary of Trustees
Wenham Public Library.

Town of Wenham.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

For the Year Ending December 31,

1898.

BEVERLY, MASS.
Printed at the Citizen Office.
1899.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The statutes of the commonwealth prescribe that "the School Committee shall annually make a detailed report of the condition of the several public schools, which report shall contain such statements and suggestions in relation to the schools as the committee deem necessary or proper to promote the interests thereof."

In accordance with the requirement of the commonwealth, the School Committee submit their report relative to the condition of the public schools in the town of Wenham, for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1898.

In taking a retrospective review of the work in our schools for the year just closed, we find much that is pleasing and encouraging. Though they are not, in all respects, what we could desire, yet we believe that during the year much of real progress has been made. The general history of the year is one of quiet and steady advancement along advanced educational lines. It has not been marked by any unusual events, nor has there been any interruption in consequence of any contagious disease or general sickness, such immunity, calls for the grateful recognition of a kind Providence, in the successful continuance of the several schools.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

The Committee received and paid out for the maintenance of the Public Schools as follows:

Town appropriation,	$ 1,400.00
State school fund,	329.62
Dox tax,	174.52
	$ 1,904.14

Paid for teaching,	$1,595.50
" fuel,	104.25
" care of rooms and building fires,	70.00
	$ 1,769.75
Paid for books, stationery, school room supplies, and school incidentals,	$ 106.89
for repairs on school buildings,	94.65
for repairs on school rooms and furniture,	25.75
for giving singing lessons to school children from April 7, 1897, to Feb. 22, 1898,	103.50
	$ 330.79

Number of persons in town on the first day of May, 1898, between five and fifteen years of age, one hundred and sixty-five.

Number of public schools, five.

Number of different pupils of all ages in the public schools during the year, one hundred and forty-eight.

Number of boys in attendance during the year, sixty-five; number of girls, eighty-three.

Number attending during the year over fifteen years of age, three.

Number attending during the year under five years of age, none.

Average membership of all the schools, one hundred and eighteen.

Average attendance in all the public school during the year, 112.9.

The per cent of attendance based upon the average membership, 95.6.

There has been no change in the general policy of the committee during the past few years. Whatever changes have been made, either in text books or otherwise have for the most part, first been made upon trial, never hastily or without due deliberation. They believe they have substantial reasons to be gratified both as to the quantity and quality of the work, that has been accomplished the

past year and for the efforts that our teachers have made to improve their methods of instruction and avoid merely mechanical and perfunctory ways of teaching.

It is due to the teachers of our schools that we should bear testimony to the faithful, conscientious and efficient manner in which, as a class, they have proved themselves to be teachers worthy of their high vocation.

The supervision of the schools and the inspection of the work, done in the several studies showed, early in the year, that, while all of the required branches seemed to have received their appropriate share of time, yet from tests applied on various occasions it was apparent that there was a manifest difference in the degree of attainment in classes of like grade and studies in the different schools, that is, the work, done in some study in one school, was less satisfactorially done in another. This was especially evident in the classes in language and technical grammar.

Experience has shown that the drill on definitions, rules and exceptions was a great waste of time, since it failed to give skill or correctness in the use of oral or written language.

The child learns to talk, by talking, he gains skill by practice. The pupil must learn the correct use of language by using it, not by learning definitions about it. Hence sentence writing, which includes dictated and original work, was very generally used in the lower classes of all the schools, even in the lower primary grades, and original composition and letter writing in connection with the study of technical grammar by the more advanced classes. It is believed that improvements may be made in this direction, which will make our pupils more proficient in the study and use of our own language, than we feel they are at present.

In nature work, the study of plant life has done much to show the pupils that not from books alone are lessons to be learned, but from plants, flowers and trees, in fact, from everything by which they are surrounded.

The most important changes that were made in the work of the schools were along these lines; viz : Nature work, object teaching, language work and drawing, in which all of our teachers

have made good progress,—while some have done most admirable work.

MUSIC.

Vocal music has been taught in our schools by a special teacher for the last two years. One lesson, of one hour in length, was given weekly to each school in town. It is expected and required that every school shall be drilled on the lesson by its teacher. This requirement was faithfully carried out, and although the teachers do not claim to be musicians, yet by attention to the instructions of the music teacher have very successfully seconded her instruction.

At the examination of each of the schools the music teacher was present and gave a review of the year's work, and the unanimous expression of the committee was that a decided advance had been made in a knowledge of the principles and science of music.

The instruction in this branch was, as in the previous year, under the exclusive charge of Miss Sarah C. Prince. To her industry, skill and devotion the good results which flow from music well taught are due. It is no less a pleasure than a duty of the committee, to make this acknowledgement of the value of her services.

They also take this occasion to thank the voters of Wenham, and to express their appreciation, for the appropriation made at the last annual town meeting, for the purpose of continuing the teaching of music, in our public schools; and express the hope that, what has been so well begun, and carried on, for the past two years, will be continued in the years to come; we bespeak, therefore a continuance of the appropriation for this very desirable purpose.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

These, as in the previous year, have been held monthly with the exception of the winter term, when, on account of the distance of our schools, from each other, and the inconvenience thus occasioned our teacher to get to the place of meeting they were discontinued. The attendance of the teachers was excellent, indicative

of the interest they took, in the exercises of those occasions. Carefully prepared papers, upon different studies, giving the writer's methods of teaching them, were read by the teachers, a free discussion followed the reading of these papers, which added to the interest of the interviews. The meeting in October was made especially beneficial and helpful by the presence of Rev. Morris Howland Turk, pastor of the Wenham Congregational church, who favored us with a pleasing and instructive informal talk on the teacher's work. Also at the meeting in November Mrs. E. B. Cole gave an interesting and practical forty minutes talk on the Place of the mother in school work. The usual attention was given to methods of teaching, government, attendance, etc.

The influence of these meetings upon the schools in town is very perceptible and has been in a marked degree, beneficial, in bringing about greater uniformity and a more systematized plan of work, in them, as a whole.

CENTRE GRAMMAR.

Those to whom the management, discipline and instruction of a school are familiar, *well* understand that comparatively little can be accomplished by any teacher, who has charge of a school for a single term, and that being divided between two years,—such was the experience of Miss Lillian A. Ridley with the Centre Grammer school. Miss Ridley was in charge of the department from Nov. 28th to the close of the school year, Dec. 31, 1897, and completed the term which closed Feb. 24th, 1898. She gave her undivided attention to the interests of her school and labored earnestly and faithfully to have her pupils maintain their previous good record for scholarship and deportment.

There was, however, one thing wanting. It was manifest that there was an absence, in some degree, of that vivacity and spirit so necessary to vitalize a school, so essential to develop promptness and enthusiasm in the pursuit of study and to inspire an interest in school exercises. Attention was called to this point, and subsequent visits gave proof of some improvement.

Miss Ridley, having fulfilled her engagement, closed her connection with the school, Feb. 24th, 1898.

The committee felt no little anxiety in the matter of providing a teacher for this school, being conscious of the fact that a frequent change of teachers is not only a serious drawback to the advancement of any school, but is, to a greater or less degree, demoralizing. There were several applications for the situation, some by letter and some in person. After learning what we could of the previous work and success in the matter of instruction and government of each applicant, the committee made choice of Miss Beulah M. Sanford of West Cornwall, Vermont, to fill the vacancy, who entered upon her work, in this school, April 4, 1898, and continued through the year.

During the first visit, soon after the commencement of Miss Sanford's school work, a favorable impression was made, justifying high hopes of the school, as connected with the teacher's general method of conducting the exercises. It was evident that she brought to the work a commendable interest, and that she endeavored to discharge her duties faithfully. In the recitations there were evidences of correct methods of instruction with a good degree of thoroughness. The inspection of the school in its every day work during the summer term, strengthened the impressions made at the beginning. At the close of the summer term a number of the pupils of the first class passed their examinations for the Salem High school.

On the commencement of the fall term the absence of those pupils, who had left was very perceptible, in its general effect upon the school, not only from the loss in number but more especially from the example of the studious habits of those pupils. It taxed the teacher's skill, judgment and energy to overcome a kind of inertia and want of interest on the part of her pupils in their school work. Diligent, earnest and faithful herself in the performance of her appropriate duties, the influence of her example was highly salutary on her pupils. The government was of a kind to secure obedience without apparent effort, commanding the confidence and respect of those committed to her care and control.

In consequence of physical indisposition of the teacher, the school was closed one week before the end of the term, and the examination was made by the committee on Friday A. M., Dec.

16th. All of the pupils were present but one. The examination was made to cover the work of the year in the various studies. For want of time all the classes were not called up. The first class in arithmetic gave evidence of thoroughness in a knowledge of definitions and principles and their application to practical examples; second in arithmetic had given their attention to fractions and denominate numbers as far as percentage, and from tests applied proved that they had been well instructed; third class in arithmetic had made a good beginning in the study of fractions and sustained a good examination in the same. In history and geography, the second class by their prompt and correct answers showed that they were very familiar with the portions upon which they were examined, both by the teacher and committee. The first class in history and grammar did not, in the examination upon these studies, especially the latter, meet the expectation of the committee—the examination indicated a want of application to master and comprehend the subjects taught in each of these branches of study. The examination of the second class in grammar gave excellent satisfaction. The inspection of the work done in music—the examination in this branch was made by the music teacher, Miss Prince—more than realized our expectations. Writing books, for the most part, were very neatly kept and fair improvement made.

Not absent during the summer term:—Marion Dodge. Fall term:—Edith Alley, Florence Alley, Marcia Perkins, Rose Rollins and Charles Quimby. Winter term:—Edith Alley, Florence Alley, Fred Brewer, Roland Dudley, Roland Patch, Marcia Perkins, Charles Quimby and Rose Rollins.

Number of tardy marks, as found upon the School Register for the year, is sixty-eight.

EAST SCHOOL.

The school during the year was under the charge of Miss Florence E. Dodge, whose experience and previous connection with it resulted in good improvement and steady progress. Her management was energetic and yet affectionate; so that, with good discipline and a most satisfactory progress in *all* school re-

quirements, there was uninterrupted good feeling extending throughout the year, rendering the school room not only a pleasant but a busy and profitable place.

Miss Dodge understands well the necessity as well as the art of engaging her pupils in their studies, and of teaching them to acquire those habits of order, neatness, promptness and thoroughness which are not only essential to real progress in school work, but also a fitting preparation for the more active duties of subsequent life.

While the attention given to the study of arithmetic—mental and written—history, reading, spelling, geography and grammar, and the progress made in these branches, respectively, were *fully equal*, if not in advance of the previous year, very much more time and care than previously were given, and a deeper interest was manifested in the writing, drawing, music and language exercises of the school, in each of which very marked improvement was apparent: those having the supervision of the school can but express the hope that the interest taken and progress made in these studies during the past year will be continued in succeeding years.

The studies pursued and the ground covered by some of the classes during the year are as follows:—Reading, arithmetic—mental and written—grammar, geography, spelling, history, civil government, literature, music, oral instruction in botany, writing—twenty minutes each day—and drawing—one hour, each Friday. First class in arithmetic studied interest, partial payments, true and bank discount, ratio and proportion and square root; in grammar, studied analysis, parsing, composition, letter writing, biography and essay; in geography, finished physical geography; third class in geography studied by topics; North America, the U. S., outline, surface, climate, industries, commerce, South America and Europe; literature, studied the life of Longfellow, learned several entire poems and quotations from others. The foregoing is but an abridged outline of the year's work; but enough we think, to give a good idea of what has been accomplished by this school.

No better criterion is needed by which to determine the real

interest that parents have in the education of their children, than that furnished by the school register where a record of the attendance and absence of each pupil is daily recorded. From an examination of the register of this school we find that the per cent. of daily attendance for the year just closed was 95.746, and by a comparison with that of the previous year which was 94.7, we find there has been a gain of 1.046 per cent., which speaks well for the continued co-operation with the teacher of all who are interested in this school.

The yearly examination was made by the committee Monday P. M., Dec. 19th. The reading by the several classes gave proof of careful instruction and good improvement. The classes in written arithmetic were very familiar with the definitions, principles and rules of the study and gave ample evidence of their ability to apply them promptly, neatly and correctly to practical examples upon the blackboards. The pupils in geography, history and grammar responded promptly and accurately whether questioned by teacher or committee, giving unqualified evidence of thorough work on the part of both teacher and pupils. Excellent results were apparent in the language work of the school; the same remark applies with equal truth to the study and practice of music. The writing books were specimens of neatness and improvement. The samples of drawing, some from objects and others original designs of the pupils, were deserving and received high commendation. The work of the year as evidenced by the examination was thoroughly satisfactory.

Not absent during the summer term:—Lena G. Williams. Not absent during the year:—Clara E. Williams and Addie M. Williams.

Number of tardy marks during the year, twenty.

NECK SCHOOL.

By reference to the report of this school for the year 1896 the following statement may be found: "The school in this district has, during the past few years, been growing less and less in the number of its pupils, until it was feared by the committee that

some other provision would have to be made by the town for the schooling of the children here to be educated. During the past year these fears have been dissipated by a large increase in its number, so that now it compares favorably in point of pupils with the other schools of the town.'' It gives the committee very great pleasure to be able to report that during the year just closed the school received several additions to the number of its enrollment, which not only improved the general appearance of the school, but greatly benefited it by the interest that its increased number of pupils inspired.

The school was taught through the year by Miss Altai Maud Hill, who was the same thorough, earnest and comprehensive teacher as the previous year. One of the distinguishing features in Miss Hill's method of school labor is to clearly and completely systematize her work ; this she did at the commencement of the year by mapping out the line of work in the various studies required to be taught and the ground to be covered in the year's work, so that the trend of the whole school effort was to the accomplishment of a definite and clearly defined purpose, and that purpose was a broader and higher plane of intellectual attainment by those committed to her care.

How thoroughly and successfully this plan was carried out and the object aimed at accomplished could in no way have been better understood than by a personal inspection of the every day routine of teacher and pupils in their school room work. The school register shows that but a comparatively few of the parents availed themselves of this privilege, therefore we make the following summary from the teacher's record that *all* the patrons of the school may be informed as to the nature and extent of the work during the year.

In arithmetic the first class studied percentage, interest, partial payments, longitude and time, square and cube root, mensuration and progression ; the second class the four fundamental rules, least common multiple, greatest common divisor, addition and subtraction of common and decimal fractions, and daily work in mental arithmetic ; the third class, multiplication and division reviewed, addition and subtraction of compound numbers, and mis-

cellaneous examples in primary arithmetic; the fourth class, multiplication table, addition and subtraction of four figures, lessons in buying and selling. Language, first class, verbs, classes of adjectives and adverbs, punctuation, capitalization, analysis, parsing and composition; second class, parts of speech, the four classes of sentences, simple and entire subject and predicate, business letters, composition and dictation lessons daily. Geography, first class, South America, Europe, Asia and Africa, and reviewed North America; second class reviewed primary geography; third class, oral lessons in geography of Wenham, lessons on rain, fog, clouds, etc., points of compass and physical features, as hill, slope, base, volcanoes, oases and formation of soil. History, first class, Civil War in Eggleston's History and epoch succeeding, in more advanced work reviewed as far as Civil War; second class, studied and reviewed Child's History of U. S. Physiology, first class reviewed entire book; second class studied bones, muscles and skin. Literature, studied Shakespeare, Scott and Bryant, learned poems from Tennyson, Whittier, Longfellow, Alice Cary and others. Nature work, studied plant life in the same way as previous year; in addition studied bird life, viz.: divisions of birds into classes by means of bird-skins and bird-walks, learned to recognize about thirty varieties of birds, studied migrations, life and habits of the same, also written description of not less than fifteen varieties. Drawing and Art: occasional five minutes' talk on paintings of famous artists, life of Raphael, composition on Sistine Madonna. Drawing in every grade, first class, designs for book covers, object drawing, ink painting and birds drawn with colors; second class, drawing of cubes, prisms, cones, and ink painting, also drawing from nature, as branches, buds, leaves, etc.

That the work in the school was very thoroughly and satisfactorily done was clearly demonstrated from tests, by which the several classes were tried during the examination of the year's studies, which was made on Tuesday A. M., Dec. 20th. The reading classes, from the youngest to the oldest, made clear that they had received careful training in this very important branch of school study; the oral spelling of the younger classes was excellent, and the readiness with which the youngest pupils would con-

struct a sentence from a word given by the teacher evidenced that they had commenced their educational work in school life at the right point—trained to speak correctly from the beginning; in mental arithmetic the reasoning was clear and conclusions correctly drawn; in written arithmetic principles were promptly stated and practically applied to examples given, while the recitations in geography were good, those in history, language and technical grammar were excellent in the comprehensiveness of the answers given; the work in writing, music and drawing was deserving of special commendation for the progress made along these lines of school study.

The results of the year's work made evident that the patrons in this district were fortunate, indeed, to have their children enjoy the privileges of so good a school.

Not absent during the summer term:—Jennie Lovett, Louis Dodge, Alice Lovett, Frank Lovett, Leslie and Louis Lovett. Fall term:—Alice Lovett, Blanche Young, Alonzo Young, Louis Lovett, Ben. E. Cole, Florence Moore and Frances Pembroke. Winter term:—Louis Dodge, James Revaleon, Nelson Power and Ben. E. Cole. During the entire year:—Lucy Cole and Roy Young.

Number of tardy marks during the year, fifty-four.

CENTRE PRIMARY.

Miss Louie M. Merriam in charge of this school during most of the previous year completed the winter term of 1898, when she closed her connection with the school. The school, while under her care, was well, correctly and faithfully taught. The vacancy was filled by Miss Ruth E. Gould of Hyde, Park, Mass., a woman of experience in primary school work, who was highly recommended as a teacher and disciplinarian.

Miss Gould entered upon her duties at the commencement of the term, April 4th.

The first class of ten pupils was transferred at the beginning of the term to the grammar department. The transfer was made more from want of accommodation in the primary room, in order

to provide for a class of beginners, than from the fitness of the pupils for promotion.

The committee regret that they have had to meet just this condition of things for a number of years past. This want of suitable preparation to enter the grammar school does not arise from any mental incapacity on the part of the pupils or unfaithfulness on the part of the teachers, but from a *want of time* to accomplish the work thoroughly that would give the pupils a promotion based upon the merit of suitable mental preparation. So long as the primary room continues to be so full and there is room in the grammar, the committee see no other way than to make the transfer from one to the other as necessity arises. There were quite a number of little folk entered at the beginning of the term who more than made good the number of those who left.

Miss Gould showed by the early classification of the school and her programme of work that she was no stranger to school room duties. She governed with ease and well, quickly winning the confidence of her pupils. As children become old enough to understand the purposes and ends of study it is of less importance that their daily duties should be directed by the same person from one year to another; but young children, from the fact that they have no internal motives to exertion, depend more upon the personal influence of their teacher to stimulate their efforts. A primary teacher, therefore, *must* win the respect of her young charge before she can hope to accomplish her full and best work, and this was evidently the case with Miss Gould.

The school whenever visited by the committee was invariably found in good order. Much attention was given to the reading classes, particularly to those of the younger portion of the school, which resulted in fair improvement. The number work of the lower classes was very satisfactory; the drill at the time of recitation was very thorough, the same question being given in different ways, thereby making sure that the pupil fully comprehended the question and its answer. The first class in arithmetic in connection with mental also gave their attention to the four fundamental rules in written arithmetic. Much time and attention were given

to writing, and considering the age of the pupils, the results were, in most cases, good.

The inspection of the year's work was made on Wednesday A. M., Dec. 21st. By reference to our notes made at the time we find the following: "The class in number work have done well, both as to quantity and quality; pupils of the primer class have made a very good beginning in their reading work; second class in reading, position good, attention excellent, improvement satisfactory; the pupils of the first class in arithmetic were not as familiar with the fundamental principles and rules and their application to examples given by the committee, as was expected or desired; commendable progress was apparent in geography; the exercises in music were excellent in time and execution; the spelling was good and the order excellent."

The low and somewhat indistinct tone of voice was a fault, not only at the examination but through the year.

Not absent during the summer term:—Rose Rollins, Ella Knowlton, Ruth Perkins, Mildred Perkins and Eddie Sargent. Fall term:—Marion Gray, Helen Patch, Louise Patch, Ruth Perkins, Winnifred Stanton, Helen Tarr, Leroy Clark, Miron Clark and Eddie Sargent. Winter term:—Louise Patch, Mildred Perkins and Leroy Clark. For the year:—Mercy Abbott, Vina Stanton, Grace Perkins and Randolph Dodge.

Number of tardy marks for the year, eighty nine.

WEST SCHOOL.

The school, remaining under the direction of its former teacher, Miss Rose A. Manning, we are happy to report, retained the *animus* of the previous year. Her thorough instruction, love of order, not only in the general management of the school, but in the method of instruction, ample resources of illustrating, attractive way of presenting principles, were well suited to stimulate and encourage in her pupils, a real desire for the acquisition of knowledge.

This school, and the same is true of the one at the East and Neck, being ungraded, and hence, of such a mixed character in

regard to the age and attainments of its pupils, must of necessity have a large number of classes, which allows but the minimum of time to be apportioned for recitation to each class, necessitating, therefore, *promptness* on the part of the pupils and *dispatch* by the teacher, in order to give to each class its due share of time and attention.

The school has been *greatly* benefited in its mathematics from the increased attention that has been given to mental arithmetic, during the past two years, as a result of which, the reasoning powers of the pupils have been greatly developed and strengthened, as seen in their work, in written arithmetic; their reasoning was logical and conclusions correctly drawn, indicating a marked advance in this branch of study. In reading, the pupils were well instructed and greatly improved in their expression, inflection and articulation. The very apparent improvement made in writing indicates that much interest was manifested and care taken in this department of school work. The same remark applies with equal force to the work done in language, music and drawing, in each of which the results realized were most gratifying as signifying greater attention and interest along these lines of school study.

The supervision of the school through the year, impressed upon the minds of those who had this duty to perform, as they observed the interest in study and the gradual but sure development of mental activity and strength of its pupils, that this school, in its educational work, was doing its full share of the great work, to be done by all the schools combined.

In order to give those patrons of the school who have not visited and observed personally the every day exercises—during the year—the means of knowing the school work their children have been required to do, the following general outline of studies and the work in each are given, an inspection of which may convey a better idea of the scope in school requirements.

Algebra—class studied division, factoring, divisors and fractions, arithmetic—first class, ratio, proportion, involution and evolition through cube root; second class, decimals, compound number and percentage; third class, multiples, divisors and frac-

tions; with mental work in each class; grammar,—first class, review of text book, analysis and parsing; second class, parts of speech, analysis of complex sentences and parsing; third class, nouns and pronouns and their modifications, composition and letter writing; dictation work in all classes; geography—first class, review of South America and Eastern Hemisphere; second class, South America and Europe; third class, finished primary geography, studied circles, zones, latitude and longitude; history, first class, reviewed the entire book; second class, periods of colonization, colonial, revolutionary and war of 1812; third class, periods of discovery and colonization, physiology, alcohol, tobacco and their effects upon the system, bones, muscles, etc.; literature, lives of Whittier, Longfellow, Bryant and Holmes; reading, writing, spelling, music and drawing by all classes.

The examinations at the close of the year, made on Thursday A. M., Dec. 22d, was highly satisfactory. The progress of the school as made apparent through the examination was marked—of a decided character. In every school, and this will form no exception—there will be different degrees of diligence on the part of the pupils, and consequently, there will be inequality of attainments. Occasional deficiencies were therefore expected; in all the studies however in which classes were examined, such evidence was furnished of thorough scholarship, as to show that these deficiencies were to be attributed, not to a want of faithful instruction, but to a want of due attention and effort on the part of the delinquents. This remark is equally applicable to the examinations of the other schools in town.

The school merits special commendation in regard to progress made in language, drawing and music.

The examinations gave unqualified proof that there had been no surface work, no superficial gliding through the text books, but a familiarity with the ground covered during the year, that could only have been attained through individual study and application on the part of the pupils and true teaching by the teacher.

Not absent during the summer term: Roscoe B. Batchelder, Curtland C. Brown, Arthur Cook, Ida M. Cook, Blanch E. Her-

rick, William M. Cook and Maud M. Hill. Fall term, Arthur Cook, Roscoe B. Batchelder, Ida M. Cook, Jessima E. Dyer, William M. Cook and Blanch E. Herrick. Winter term, Curtland C. Brown, Jessima E. Dyer, Annie C. George, Maud M. Hill, Edmund G. Haskell, Bertha M. Randall, Horace J. Sears, James W. Sears and Jesse E. Wilson. During the year, Alden W. Batchelder, George G. Hodgdon, Alice A. Tiney, Ida E. Tiney and J. Henry Tiney. George G. Hodgdon has been neither absent nor tardy during the entire time he has been a member of the school—five years.

Number of tardy marks for the year eleven.

FRANCIS M. DODGE,
ELBRIDGE PORTER,
WILLIAM B. MORGAN,
} School Committee of Wenham.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM, MASS.

For the Year Ending January 31,

1899

BEVERLY, MASS.
Printed at the Citizen Office,
1899.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

To The Crtizens of Wenham :

The Fourteenth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library, for the year ending January 31, 1899, is herewith presented :—

At the last annual town meeting, held March 7, 1898, it was voted, that after the annual town meeting in March, 1900, the Board of Trustees of the Public Library should consist of three members, instead of six, as at the present time, and that in order to bring about this result legally, there should be chosen at that meeting one member for three years, and one for two years ; that in 1899 there should be chosen one member for three years, and one for one year. By this means the terms of four of the six members will expire in the year 1900, leaving one member for two years, and one for one year, which with one to be elected in 1900 for three years, will complete the Board according to the new arrangement. At that meeting, Rev. Arthur N. Ward was elected for three years, and Mr. Elbridge Porter for two years, making the Board of Trustees at that time as follows :—

Rev. Arthur N. Ward,	term	expires,	March,	1901.
Henry A. Moulton,	"	"	"	1900.
Elbridge Porter,	"	"	"	1900.
Frank H. Tarr,	"	"	"	1900.
Benj. H. Conant,	"	"	"	1899.
Charles H. Stanton,	"	"	"	1899.

The organization of the Board remains the same as for several previous years, viz. :—Elbridge Porter, Chairman, and Benj. H. Conant, Secretary.

As Rev. Mr. Ward has since that time removed from town, it

will be necessary to elect a new member for two years, to serve for the remainder of his term, consequently there are to be chosen this year three members, for one, two and three years respectively.

During the past year a Supplement to the Catalogue has been compiled and printed. This supplement is arranged on the same general plan as the main catalogue which was published in 1893, and contains Subject and Author lists of all the books which have been added to the circulating department of the Library from that date to September, 1898. It was printed at the office of the Beverly Citizen, and makes a neat octavo pamphlet of forty-eight pages. The Library was closed for a longer time than usual while the work of taking the annual account of the books and of preparing the supplement was going on, it being thought best not to reopen until the new supplement was ready for distribution.

When the main catalogue of the Library was issued in the fall of 1893, the expense of printing proved greater than was expected, and the trustees were obliged to exceed the appropriation then available, and in order to partially meet this extra expenditure the catalogue was offered for sale at twenty-five cents per copy, which was about two thirds of the actual cost of printing. At the next annual town meeting held March 5, 1894, the town voted to refund the money to those individuals who had previously purchased copies of the catalogue, and to supply each family which made use of the Library, with *one copy* free, with the understanding that if this free copy should be lost or destroyed, and a new copy be desired, the extra copy should be paid for at the same price at which it had before been sold. This rule has been in operation ever since that time, and the new supplement has been distributed in the same manner, with a charge of fifteen cents for extra copies.

Previous to this action of the town in 1894, forty-six copies of the catalogue had been sold, amounting to $11.50. This sum was subsequently received from the town treasurer, and the price of the catalogue refunded to those purchasers who have made application therefor. Of this money there is now remaining in the hands of the trustees a balance of $3.25 as yet uncalled for. As it

is desirable to have this account closed up, it is suggested that whatever balance may remain uncalled for at the time of our next annual report in 1900, be returned to the town treasurer, or else devoted to the general Library fund.

Since the publication of the supplement there has been a marked increase in the circulation of the books. Some of the former patrons of the Library have returned and quite a number of new names have been added to the list of readers. This would seem to indicate that the reading public are still interested in the Library, and only need to be kept informed as to what may be found there in order to make a greater use of it.

In making purchases of books for the Library, the trustees have endeavored to expend the town's appropriation to as good advantage as possible, and to add something of value, and they trust, of interest, to each of its various departments. Careful attention has been given in making the selections, although with the limited means at their disposal there are many equally good books which they have been obliged to omit.

Among the recent accessions in History may be found books dealing with the events of the present century in foreign countries, (a subject which has heretofore received very little attention from the managers of our Library,) such as :— Lowell's "Governments and Parties in Continental Europe"; Murdock's "Reconstruction of Europe"; Story's "Building of the British Empire"; Bigelow's "German Struggle for Liberty"; Malleson's "Refounding of the German Empire"; Lebon's "Modern France"; Cesaresco's "Liberation of Italy"; Pierce's "Story of Turkey and Armenia"; these and other similar works supplementing the older standard histories of those nations. We have also Murat Halstead's "Story of Cuba" and Flint's "Marching with Gomez"; both published within a few months. Of American history we have Maclay's "History of the U. S. Navy"; Northend's "Massachusetts Bay Colony"; Smith's "Political History of the U. S."; Parkhurst's "Our Fight with Tammany"; Ex-President Benj. Harrison's "This Country of Ours," and quite a long list of other valuable works.

In Biography, some of the more recent additions to the Ameri-

can Statesmen, and Heroes of the Nations series; Gen. Schofield's "Forty-six years in the Army"; Chamberlain's "Samuel Sewall, and the world he lived in"; Mrs. Lathrop's "Memories of Hawthorne"; Miss Gordon's Life of Frances E. Willard, and numerous others. In Travels and Descriptive works, "Andree's Balloon Expedition in search of the North Pole"; Rev. Dr. Talmage's "Earth Girdled"; Muir's "Mountains of California"; Inman's "Old Santa Fe Trail"; etc., etc. In Science, quite a variety, including several volumes of the "Library of Useful Stories" series; small books, but packed solid full of interesting information. In the Religious class, quite a donation of books was received from Rev. A. N. Ward, most of them treating of the generally accepted doctrines and beliefs of the evangelical churches. Among the more modern works may be noticed Lyman Abbott's "Theology of an Evolutionist"; in which he endeavors to harmonize some of the theories of evolution with the Bible, also his "Christianity and Social Problems"; and Washington Gladden's "Who wrote the Bible?"

A careful examination of the new supplement to the catalogue will reveal many other valuable and interesting works.

In the Fiction department, which is by far the most largely patronized, very liberal additions have been made. Special attention has been paid to this class of literature in order to exclude as far as possible, unworthy books. Quite a large number of historical novels have been included in the later accessions, as from this class of books, one can frequently obtain a more vivid picture of the every day life of the times depicted, than from the more solid works. These, however, should be read, or at least consulted, in connection with the fiction, in order to compare or substantiate the story.

In regard to the lighter fiction, it is generally conceded that among the vast number of books of this class published, there are many, which, notwithstanding they are very popular with a good many readers, are, nevertheless, wholly unworthy of a place in a public library. This remark will also apply with equal force to juvenile literature, and in no department of library work is there

greater need of care and discrimination than in the selection of books for the young.

The boys and girls of our town have been allowed unusual privileges in the use of the Library, and the trustees should see to it that the books provided especially for their use are books of unquestionable character and merit. They should be not merely amusing and entertaining, but also instructive and stimulating to their better nature, such as will lead them, unconsciously perhaps, onward and upward into right ways of thinking and living.

The wise parent will also take an interest in the children's reading, and will strive to so guide and direct them in their choice of books that they will learn to love and appreciate that which is highest and best in literature, and to shun all that which is low and unworthy.

It should be remembered that admitting trashy, sensational novels, wild, improbable (if not impossible) tales of adventure and books of coarse humor into the Public Library, is virtually setting the seal of approval upon them, educating the public taste in the wrong direction, and thus defeating one of the principal objects for which the library has been established. Public libraries are generally considered as educational institutions, maintained not simply for the purpose of supplying whatever books may be demanded without any regard to quality, but rather as a means of assisting students in their investigations, and of disseminating among the people a clean and healthy class of general literature, such as will be conducive to higher ideals of thought and life.

Those who are intrusted with the management of this institution should keep in mind that they are in a certain sense, public educators, and that, as such, they are responsible, (at least to a certain extent,) for the influence which it exerts upon the community at large.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

During the past year quite a large number of gifts of books, pamphlets, magazines and other miscellaneous matter have been received from various sources. Those who have thus kindly as-

sisted in adding to the value of the library are justly entitled to the sincere thanks of the trustees and of the town in general.

A detailed list of these donations may be found in the tables of statistics appended.

CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

We are pleased to be able to report that since 1893 when the present system of conducting the library was adopted, not a single book has been lost. Every volume that was in the library at that time and that has been added since that time can be accounted for.

No books have been rebound during the past year, consequently there are now a large number which are badly worn, some of them so as to be past further seryice. Of these some might profitably be replaced with new copies and others withdrawn to make room for more desirable works. One damaged book has been paid for and replaced by a new copy. Readers are once more reminded that a more careful usage of the books will greatly prolong their usefulness.

NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY.

Expansion appears to be the order of the day in national affairs, and in our library, the most pressing need at the present time, is for more room in which to bestow its goods. The providing of additional accommodations for the growth of the library is a matter of considerable importance, and should not be too hastily determined. We would suggest that it be referred to a committee consisting of the trustees of the library and the selectmen who might take the matter under consideration, and act according to their best judgment, or if deemed advisable or necessary to report at a future town meeting.

There is one other matter which we regret to have occasion to call attention to, namely, the behavior of some of the young people who frequent the Library while it is open. The peculiar arrangement of the adjoining rooms renders it very difficult for those who are busily engaged in distributing books to maintain that degree of order and quietness which should pervade such an institution.

The Public Library is emphatically not the place for such an exhibition of hoodlumism as has been too often witnessed there. It has been a great annoyance to the librarian and his assistants, and also to many other orderly disposed people who patronize the Library. The trustees have often been advised to apply the strong arm of the law to some of the ringleaders, but that is a remedy which they dislike to make use of unless it should be absolutely necessary. They have several times been obliged to call in an officer, and during the time that he has been present there has been no disorder.

As most of the noise and confusion is made by the younger boys, (and sometimes by girls, too,) we feel that a little wholesome counsel and advice administered in a kindly spirit at their homes, ought to be sufficient to make them see the reasonableness of conforming to the regulations of the Library and to bring about a better condition of things.

STATISTICS OF THE LIBRARY

For the Year ending January 31, 1899.

Evenings the Library has been open for the delivery of books,	31
Volumes lent at Central Library,	2,162
" " East Wenham Branch,	232
Total number Volumes lent,	2,294
Volumes renewed,	157
Average weekly delivery,	74
Largest " " Dec. 7, 1898,	115
Smallest " " Feb. 16, 1898,	26
Volumes lost,	0
" damaged and paid for,	1
Number of different individuals who have taken books during the year,	221
New names added during the year,	44
Whole number of different individuals who have taken books since the present system has been in use, (1893),	455

CLASSIFICATION AND USE.

	Volumes catalogued Jan. 31, 1898.	Volumes added.	Volumes catalogued Jan. 31, 1899.	Volumes lent at Central Library.	Volumes lent at East Wenham Branch.	Whole number Volumes lent.	Per cent of circulation.
History,	254	37	291	82	4	86	
Biography,	219	18	237	50	0	50	
Travels and Descriptive,	176	8	184	76	4	80	
Science and Agriculture,	127	12	139	33	2	35	
Poetry,	47	0	47	11	0	11	
Religion,	55	20	75	5	0	5	
Miscellaneous,	212	9	221	53	6	59	
Totals, other than Fiction,	1,090	104	1,194	310	16	326	14.21
Fiction,	1,134	89	1,223	1,752	216	1,968	85.79
Totals, including Fiction,	2,224	193	2,417	2,062	232	2,294	100.00

ACCESSIONS TO THE CATALOGUE.

	Volumes added by purchase	Volumes added by gift	Volumes transferred to	Volumes transferred from	Total
History,	21	5	11	0	37
Biography,	12	4	2	0	18
Travels and Descriptive,	12	2	1	7	8
Science and Agriculture,	10	2	0	0	12
Religion,	6	14	0	0	20
Miscellaneous,	8	5	0	4	9
Transferred to Catalogue from uncatalogued list,		3		3	
Totals, other than fiction,	69	35	14	14	104
Fiction,	85	4			89
Total accessions to Catalogue,	154	39			193

ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

	Catalogued	Not catalogued	Total
Volumes in Library Jan. 31, 1898,	2,224	622	2,846
" added by purchase from general fund,	152	0	152
" added by purchase from E. D. Hawkins fund,	2	0	2
" added by donation,	36	94	130
Transferred to Catalogue from uncatalogued list,	3	3	
Volumes in Library Jan. 31, 1898,	2,417	713	3,130
Pamphlets in Library Jan 31, 1898,			373
" added by donation,			131
" in Library Jan. 31, 1899,			504

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Periodicals Etc.
Alley, Henry, Wenham,	3	1	
Andover, Mass., Press Office,	1		
Beverly, Mass., Citizen Office,		1	
Beverly, Mass., Public Library,		1	
Cambridge, Mass., W. C. T. U.,	1		
Dodge, Richard E., New York,		1	10 numbers
Dodge, Simeon, Jr., Wenham,	21	11	
Dodge, Thomas H., Worcester, Mass.,	1		
Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration,		1	
Mass. Agricultural College, Hatch Experimental Station, Amherst,		13	
Mass. Free Library Commission,		1	
Mass. Sec'y Commonwealth, Boston,	24	3	
Mass. Soldiers' Home, Chelsea,		1	
Mass. Trustees Public Reservations,		1	
Moody, Hon. Wm. H. (M. C.)	6	6	Cong. Record

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Periodicals Etc.
Moulton, Henry A., Wenham,		2	Miscellaneous matter.
Palmer, Mrs. Chas. F., New York,	1		
Perkins, N. Porter, Wenham,	5		
Pool, Wellington, Wenham,	14	68	Miscellaneous Matter.
Salem, Mass., Public Library,		3	
Salem, Mass., Water Board,		1	
Trowt, Andrew D., Wenham,		5	
U. S. Bureau of Am. Republics,			12 numbers.
U. S. Bureau of Education,	2		
U. S. Bureau of Foreign Commerce,	3	7	8 numbers.
U. S. Civil Service Commission,	1		
U. S. Interstate Commerce Commission,	1		
U. S. Naval War Records,	2		
U. S. National Museum, Smithsonian Institution,	1		
Ward, Rev. Arthur N., Wenham,	23	1	92 numbers.
Wenham-Hamilton Star, Publishers,			1 subscrip'n
Wenham, Selectmen's Office,	25		
Wenham, Town of		3	
Youth's Companion Office, Boston,		1	
	135	132	
Duplicates, not included in accession report,	5	1	
Donations, included in accession report,	130	131	

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT.

For Year Ending January 31, 1899.

Cash in treasury Feb. 1, 1898,	$ 1.00
Unexpended balance with town treasurer,	46.42
Town appropriation, March, 1898,	150.00
Received for fines during the year,	3.80
" " cards " "	.22
" " supplement to catalogue,	.15
" " damaged book,	.85
Total,	$202.44

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of Trustees to Boston,	$ 6.25
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books, 121 volumes,	108.68
Rev. Arthur N. Ward, " 3 "	5.40
Benj. H. Conant, " 28 "	7.84
Beverly Citizen Office, printing Supplement to Catalogue (350 copies),	48.00
American Express,	1.20
Damaged books replaced, 2 volumes,	1.30
Balance on damaged book refunded,	.55
Charles F. Elliott, boards for shelves,	.81
Benj. H. Conant, " "	.60
" " postage and other incidentals,	2.12
	$ 182.75
Balance with Town Treasurer Jan. 31, 1899,	$19.79

MAIN CATALOGUE ACCOUNT.

Received from Town Treasurer (1894),		$ 11.50
Refunded to purchasers of Catalogue,	$ 7.75	
Two catalogues supplied in lieu of money,	.50	
		$ 8.25
Balance uncalled for Jan. 31, 1899,		$ 3.25

EDWIN D. HAWKINS FUND.

Amount of Mr. Hawkins' legacy,		$ 125.00
Deposit in Beverly Savings Bank, Oct., 1897,	$100.00	
Expended for books (13 vols.) previous to Jan. 31, 1898,	19.54	
		$ 119.54
Balance available Jan. 31, 1898,		$ 5.46
Accrued interest on deposit to Oct., 1898,		4.04
		$ 9.50
Expended for books (2 vols.) March, 1898,		4.01
Balance available Jan. 31, 1899,		$ 5.49
Feb. 10, 1899. Paid Wm. F. Trowt, Town Treasurer, the amount received for fines, etc., to Jan. 31, 1899,		$4.17

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. H. CONANT,

Secretary of the Board of Trustees,

Wenham Public Library.

Town of Wenham.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

1899-1900.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

FOR THE

Year Ending February 15, 1900.

Report of the School Committee

For the Year Ending December 31, 1899,

AND THE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of the Public Library.

BEVERLY, MASS.
Printed at the Citizen Office,
1900.

REPORT.

Town Officers for the Year 1899-1900.

Moderator—Horace E. Durgin.

Town Clerk—Wellington Pool.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Fence Viewers—N. P. Perkins, J. H. Perkins, R. F. Dodge.

Town Treasurer—William F. Trowt.

Collector of Taxes—Jeremiah Kavanagh.

Auditor—Otis D. Brewer.

School Committee—William B. Morgan, 1900; Elbridge Porter, 1901; Francis M. Dodge, 1902.

Constables—Charles H. McQueeney, Henry Alley, Henry P. Brewer.

Special Police—Charles H. McQueeny, chief; Henry Alley, Henry P. Brewer.

Trustees of Public Library—Henry A. Moulton, 1900; Elbridge Porter, 1900; Charles H. Stanton, 1900; Frank H. Tarr, 1900; Fred H. Abbott, 1901; Benj. H. Conant, 1902.

Board of Health—Chester S. Cook, 1900; Henry Alley, 1901; Ivory Quinby, 1902.

Commissioners of Cemetery—Warren Jones, 1900; S. K. Evans, 1901; F. H. Tarr, 1902.

Surveyors of Highways — Ward 1, Addison Williams; ward 2, R. F. Dodge; ward 3, Charles Wilkins; ward 4, A. M.

Harrigan; ward 5, Frank H. Tarr; ward 6, D. A. Homan; ward 7, Stephen Cook; ward 8, E. L. Kimball; ward 9, Charles W. Perkins.

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark—J. K. Dodge, R. F. Dodge, A. D. Prince, Isaac Porter, J. H. Perkins.

Sealers of Weights and Measures—J. H. Perkins.

Town Weighers—Wm. F. Trowt, J. K. Dodge, Wm. P. Dodge.

Pound Keeper—H. H. Demsey.

Firewards and Forest Firewards—H. E. Durgin, L. S. Lord, J. R. Sargent, L. F. Hodgdon, E. F. Stanley, Ivory Quinby.

Inspector of Animals—Henry Alley.

Keeper of Lockup and Tramps—J. C. Richards.

School Department.

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid Clara E. Williams, care of room and fires,		$ 10 00
Florence E. Dodge, teaching balance Winter term, 6 weeks,		48 00
" " " Spring term, 12 weeks,		96 00
" " " Fall term, 12 weeks,		96 00
" " " Winter term, 1899-1900, 6 weeks,		48 00
John K. Dodge, wood,		18 00
		$ 316 00

NECK SCHOOL.

Paid Altie M. Hill, teaching balance of Winter term, 5 weeks,	$ 47	50
" " " Spring term, 12 weeks,	120	00
" " " Fall term, 12 weeks,	120	00
" " " Winter term 1900, 8 weeks,	80	00
" " cash paid for cleaning room,		75
Charles Wilkins, wood,	18	00
" " cash paid G. Brock and N. Powers, cutting and housing old fence,		75
S. C. Prince, care of room and fires,	12	00
	$ 399	00

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid B. M. Sanford, teaching balance of Winter term, 6 weeks,	$ 60	00
H. C. Beattie, " Spring term, 12 weeks,	135	00
Grace H. Gould, " Fall term, 12 weeks,	135	00
" " " part of Winter term, 1899-1900, 3 weeks,	33	75
Mrs. H. W. Kimball, cleaning windows in school room,	1	25
Gertrude D. Kimball, sweeping room to Apr. 27,'99.	7	00
Mrs. E. A. Addison, " "	2	00
Mrs. Alexander, cleaning room,	1	80
J. Fairfield, coal,	44	40
W. Pool, care of school fires,	15	00
	$ 435	20

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Paid Ruth E. Gould, teaching balance of Winter term, 6 weeks,	$ 60	00
" " " Spring term, 12 weeks,	120	00

Paid Ruth E. Gould, teaching Fall term, 12 weeks,		$120 00
" " " part or Winter term, 1899-1900, 9 weeks,		90 00
J. Fairfield, coal,		11 50
W. Pool, sweeping school room,		8 50
" care of fire,		10 00
		$ 420 00

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Rose A. Manning, teaching balance of Winter term, 5 weeks,	$ 50 00
" " " Spring term, 12 weeks,	120 00
" " " Fall term, 12 weeks,	120 00
" " " part of Winter term, 1899-1900, 8 weeks,	80 00
W. B. Morgan, 2¼ cords wood, sawed, split and housed,	14 85
" " cash paid for wood,	2 25
John Girdler, 2 tons coal,	12 00
J. W. Cass, care of room and fires,	10 00
	$ 409 10

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Paid W. B. Morgan, cash paid for labor, hardware, lumber, supplies, etc., West school,	$ 8 99
" " cash paid for foot rest for small children, West school,	2 20
A. H. Killam, repairing organ, West school,	3 50
Educational Pub'hing Society, books and supplies,	9 00
J. L. Hammett Co., " "	54 79
Ginn & Co., " "	30 78
Boston School Supply Co., " "	21 72
Silver, Burdett & Co., " "	5 60
American Book Co., " "	6 31

Paid Carter Ink Co., ink,	$	75
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, brooms, pails, etc.,	1	26
Sarah C. Prince, teaching Music from April 6, 1898, to March 10, 1899,	129	00
A. C. Sleeper, labor and material, West school,	2	57
" " cash paid for thermometer,		45
H. C. Beattie, pens, and cash paid for repairs on pencil sharpener, Grammar school,		35
Chas. F. Elliott, labor and stock, East school,	29	05
" " " " Grammar school,	6	49
" " " " Neck school room,	2	32
" " " " building fence, Neck school yard,	38	42
Fred H. Brooks, painting fence, Neck school yard,	17	24
" " " blackboards and book-case, East school,	3	15
F. H. Crosby, painting blackboard, etc., West school,	2	50
W. P. Porter, repairing clock, Grammar school,	1	00
J. W. Cass, repairs on flag, West school,		50
O. D. Leonard, repairs on organ, Grammar school,	1	00
H. W. Porter, repairs on West school house,		75
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn, window shades, East school,	1	50
F. M. Dodge, cash paid for books, supplies, expressing, etc.,	18	75
	$ 399	94

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Paid City of Salem,	Alice B. Dodge,	1 year,	$ 50	00
" "	Jennie S. Lovett,	1 year,	50	00
" "	Alice W. Patch,	1 year,	50	00
" "	Laura A. Sargent,	1 year,	50	00
" "	Wm. F. McQueeney,	1 year,	50	00
" "	Wm. A. Trowt,	1 year,	50	00

Paid City of Beverly,	Lawrence G. Dodge, 1 year,		$ 40 00
" "	Alice L. Haskell, 1 year,		40 00
" "	Nellie F. Preston, 1 year,		40 00
			$ 420 00

Highway Department.

WARD ONE.

Paid Addison Williams,	labor and gravel, 1898,	$ 2 45
" "		23 70
Henry D. Stillman,		18 20
" "		3 25
Wm. H. Beck,		6 00
Benj. F. Burchstead,		6 00
B. Frank Hawkins,		6 00
John W. Higgins,		6 00
Daniel W. Preston,		11 70
Winslow Day,		6 00
		$ 89 30

WARD TWO.

Paid R. F. Dodge,		$ 47 60
" "	gravel,	13 65
A. F. Putnam,		39 20
Frank T. Johnson,		27 92
I. W. Burke,		8 50
Arthur Jones,		15 20
Ephraim Power,		13 20
F. S. Lovett, Jr.,		17 65
S. R. Prince,	gravel and plank,	6 60
		$ 189 50

WARD THREE.

Paid	Charles Wilkins, labor and cash paid for lumber,	$ 6 50
	Charles Wilkins,	78 63
	Zachariah Cole,	42 00
	Francis M. Dodge,	33 40
	Samuel R. Prince,	48 62
	Charles Wilkins, 313 loads gravel,	31 30
		$ 240 45

WARD FOUR.

Paid	A. M. Harrigan,	$ 23 08
	Charles W. Perkins,	12 15
	John R. Sargent,	5 00
	Otis Clark,	1 80
	George W. Jones,	3 60
	Frank H. Tarr,	6 80
	Charles Wilkins, gravel,	1 50
	J. M. Rollins,	5 07
	S. M. Hill,	5 04
	E. Tinkham,	1 80
	John Williams,	1 80
	Mrs. H. E. Pingree,	1 00
		$ 68 64

WARD FIVE.

Paid	Frank H. Tarr,	$ 91 50
	Samuel M. Hill,	43 92
	George W. Jones,	16 80
	Wm. T. Tucker,	18 70
	John Williams,	19 00
	J. F. Batchelder,	21 04
	Otis A. Clark,	7 20
	Fred F. Porter,	5 56
	George E. Homan,	5 80

Piad	J. M. Rollins,	$ 24 48
	J. Addison,	3 60
	Charles W. Perkins,	5 04
	Charles W. Perkins, gravel,	22 80
	T. W. Batchelder,	11 44
	John Caves,	7 00
	Warren Jones,	11 80
	Edward A. A. Raymond, gravel,	7 20
	James McKean,	1 80
	Elbridge Porter,	29 44
	Daniel A. Homan,	10 60
	Mrs. H. E. Pingree,	16 16
		$ 380 88

WARD SIX.

	Daniel A. Homan,	16 00
	George E. Homan,	6 20
	Warren Jones,	14 00
	Taylor C. Lyford,	8 00
	John Caves,	13 20
	H. R. Merrill,	6 20
	E. H. Guild,	2 30
	E. K. Batchelder,	16 69
	E. K. Batchelder, 1898,	3 51
	George W. Jones,	18 53
	Thomas M. Barnes,	8 21
	S. M. Hill, road machine,	2 70
	F. H. Tarr,	12 88
	J. M. Rollins,	12 88
	W. H. Larrabee,	1 80
	Eben Standley,	1 80
		$ 144 90

WARD SEVEN.

Paid	J. A. Town, gravel 1898,	$ 3 04
	Charles W. Bixby,	20 10

Paid	Samuel M. Hill, road machine,	$ 17 60
	E. K. Standley,	7 80
	J. F. Crockett,	6 87
	Samuel S. Cook,	11 12
	Stephen Cook,	33 80
	Chester S. Cook,	50 91
	H. G. Sears,	7 60
	Otis Alley,	8 40
	James W. Cass,	2 00
	George W. Peabody, Jr.	5 00
	A. D. Flewelling,	15 30
	A. M. Hill,	7 28
	N. P. Perkins,	5 60
	H. A. Moulton, 2d.	3 90
	George W. Wilson,	3 90
	Estate of G. W. Peabody,	7 15
	J. W. L. Moulton,	9 60
	Joseph F. Kent,	3 90
	Elbridge A. Dodge,	3 90
	Leander F. Hodgdon,	5 00
		$ 239 77

WARD EIGHT.

Paid	Charles F. Herrick,	$ 6 00
	Edward L. Kimball,	22 14
	Charles H. Stanton,	7 80
	Mrs. James T. Brown, gravel,	8 20
	Charles E. Kimball,	6 00
	J. Sumner Brown,	16 80
	J. B. McCullough,	10 80
	Fred Bamford,	6 00
		$ 83 74

WARD NINE.

Paid	John R. Sargent,	$ 7 84
	Daniel A. Homan,	2 80

Paid George W. Jones,	$ 2	80
Otis A. Clark,	3	68
Charles W. Perkins,	20	52
Charles W. Perkins, 135 loads gravel,	13	50
	$ 51	14

Snow Department.

WARD ONE.

Paid Addison Williams,	$ 4	00
G. H. Wyatt,	8	00
Henry Wyatt,	6	20
Winslow Day,	6	00
Daniel W. Preston,	7	60
L. H. Preston,	4	00
C. N. Preston,	5	40
B. F. Hawkins,	5	40
S. H. Hawkins,	4	80
Wm. H. Beck,	5	20
B. F. Burchstead,	4	60
B. F. Burchstead, Jr.	6	00
H. D. Stillman,	13	00
	$ 80	20

WARD TWO.

Paid F. T. Johnson,	$ 13	40
A. F. Putnam,	10	40
F. S. Lovett, Jr.	10	70
A. E. Jones,	10	60
Ephraim Power,	1	20
John T. Gentlee,	3	80
A. L. Norcross,	7	00
R. F. Dodge,	2	80
E. A. Hearn,	8	20
	$ 68	10

WARD THREE.

Paid	Charles Wilkins,	$ 29 00
	S. R. Prince,	19 48
	F. M. Dodge,	9 60
	Zachariah Cole,	6 40
	Alonzo Young,	10 00
	Austin Cornning,	10 00
	Edward Cahill,	7 20
		$ 91 68

WARD FOUR.

Paid	George F. Dodge,	$ 8 10
	A. M. Harrigan,	13 90
	Wm. P. Dodge,	28 40
	Eben Tinkham,	8 50
	J. L. Burnham,	8 10
	George Bragdon,	80
	Thomas Wright,	2 40
	H. W. Porter,	20
	Charles Spear,	20
	Walter Aldhouse,	3 60
	E. Eaton,	1 00
		$ 75 20

WARD FIVE.

Paid	T. W. Batchelder,	$ 3 00
	C. Spear,	2 00
	A. Spear,	1 60
	A. Abbott,	30
	J. Addison,	1 45
	M. Woodman,	3 00
	J. F. Batchelder,	2 60
	William T. Tucker,	10 00
	Fred F. Porter,	8 70
	Frank H. Tarr,	37 70

Paid Samuel M. Hill,	$ 11	40
S. K. Evans,		10
Elbridge Porter,	13	70
J. M. Rollins,	11	60
Harry Pulsifer,	4	90
John Williams,	3	90
George Lander,	1	50
George E. Homan,		90
Everett Standley,		90
O. D. Leonard,		25
J. L. Batchelder,	1	20
	$120	70

WARD SIX.

Paid Daniel A. Homan,	$ 7	90
Warren Jones,	5	40
Thos. Scott,	3	60
E. K. Batchelder,	3	10
E. F. Hall,	2	90
George W. Jones,	2	90
H. R. Merrill,	5	00
John Caves,	5	30
Fred Knowlton,	2	20
E. Guild,	3	70
Taylor C. Lyford,	3	80
Eben Standley,	3	70
Frank A. Standley,	3	70
Thos. Wakefield,	3	70
H. A. Cook,	1	00
Albert Spear,		80
Charles Spear,		80
Henry Kent,	1	00
William T. Tucker,	1	00
J. R. Rollins,	1	80
George E. Homan,	1	65
John G. Roundy,		35
	$65	30

WARD SEVEN.

Paid	Chester S. Cook,	$ 16 50
	Stephen Cook,	9 10
	A. M. Hill,	4 00
	George W. Peabody,	6 40
	J. F. Crockett,	11 80
	Wm. Andrews,	11 40
	A. D. Flewelling,	4 40
	H. G. Sears,	14 00
	Sidney Cook,	5 90
	Otis Alley,	4 00
	J. W. L. Moulton,	1 40
	Charles W. Bixby,	9 20
	J. H. Tiney,	7 60
	A. R. Bowden,	5 70
	James W. Cass,	4 00
	George W. Wilson,	2 60
	Henry A. Moulton, 2d.	2 90
	Joseph T. Haskell,	8 30
	L. F. Hodgdon,	7 30
	Fred H. Brooks,	4 60
	Charles Patch,	4 60
	E. K. Standley,	5 15
	J. A. Towne,	3 25
	George A. Perkins,	5 20
	John Hale,	5 80
		$ 165 10

WARD EIGHT.

Paid	Charles H. Stanton,	$ 60
	J. Sumner Brown,	3 95
	Charles F. Herrick,	2 20
	J. B. McCullough,	6 30
	E. L. Kimball,	3 53
	Charles E. Kimball,	2 05
		$ 18 63

WARD NINE.

Paid	Herbert N. Whiting,	$ 2 00
	Elmer E. Clark,	2 00
	George E. Perkins,	1 00
	O. D. Leonard,	2 00
	Ipps Norwood,	2 00
	Charles W. Perkins,	2 00
	Elim Tinkham,	2 40
	Charles Tinkham,	40
	Albert Davis,	2 40
	George Lander,	1 20
	J. R. Sargent,	2 00
	Fred Alexander,	2 80
	Charles Alexander,	2 70
	Levi Alexander,	2 70
		$ 27 60

PINGREE'S BRIDGE.

Paid	Daniel A. Homan,	$ 5 40
	John R. Sargent, self and horses,	15 00
	George W. Jones,	5 40
	Chas. Wilkins, man and horses,	16 88
	" " 25 loads gravel,	2 50
	" " stone furnished,	1 00
	J. F. Pope & Son, lumber,	19 68
		$ 65 86

EXTRA HIGHWAY.

Paid	Samuel M. Hill, grading Linden street,	$ 74
	" " hauling 58 yds. gravel at 33c.	18 04
	John Caves, spreading gravel,	3 60
	Chas. W. Perkins, 58 yds. gravel,	4 64
	Calvin Putnam Lumber Co., posts and railing,	12 28
	J. H. Perkins, labor on Linden street and Pingree bridge,	7 20
		$ 46 50

Sidewalks.

Paid J. F. Batchelder, 1898.		$ 7 84
	A. M. Harrigan,	6 96
	J. R. Sargent,	5 00
	C. W. Perkins, gravel,	2 05
	George W. Jones,	1 80
	J. R. Sargent,	7 28
	Otis Clark,	1 72
	Charles W. Perkins,	7 94
	" " " gravel,	1 00
	F. H. Tarr,	19 48
	S. M. Hill,	7 28
	George W. Jones,	4 60
	William T. Tucker,	1 80
	John Williams,	2 60
	George E. Homan,	2 60
	J. M. Rollins,	5 04
	Charles W. Perkins,	5 04
	" " "	5 60
	T. W. Batchelder,	2 80
	John Caves,	2 60
	Warren Jones,	1 20
	Daniel A. Homan,	3 60
		$105 83

Poor Department

Paid Danvers Insane Hospital, board of Mrs. Sarah Mildram from Jan. 1, 1899, to Dec. 5, 1899,		$ 158 33
Town of Hingham, rent and supplies for Mrs Harry Williams, 1 year to Jan. 1, 1900,		144 23
City of Salem, supplies to Mrs. Frank Tarrio, 1897,		2 00
" " "	Paul M. Barnes,	3 28
City of Beverly,	Wm. D. Conary,	19 50

Paid A.D.&W.F.Trowt, supplies to James L. Dodge,	$ 62	72
Dr. F. A. Cowles, med. att'nce " "	15	00
D. E. Homan, rent and fuel for Ipps Norwood,	14	50
W. Pool, services and cash paid on acc't of burial of child of Samuel Whattom, 1898,	7	00
	$ 426	56

Soldiers' Relief.

Paid Town of Melrose for G. W. Babcock and family, rent, supplies, and medical attendance from Jan. 1, to Dec. 1, 1899,	$ 331	90
Town of Peabody, supplies to Mrs. Caroline C. Soper,	73	70
Thos. H. Clark, cash for his support ($6 per month)	72	00
Mrs. Edwin Plaistead, cash for her support ($4 per month)	48	00
	$ 489	60

Burial of Indigent Soldier.

Paid Lee & Cressy, funeral charges for J. F. Peach,	$ 33	00
Wm. T. Tucker, cash paid for opening grave,	2	00
	$ 35	00

Incidentals.

Paid B. H. Conant, care of town clock,	$ 20	00
" " labor and cash paid on account of town clock dials,	4	74
Charles E. Curtis, cleaning soldiers' monument, 1899,	20	00

Paid	Beverly Citizen, printing town reports,	$ 50 71
	J. H. Perkins, Jr., stationery, ink, etc.,	1 80
	" " use of telephone, town officers,	95
	" " tax collector's book, 1898.	1 00
	Climax Road Machine Co., casting No. 51,	1 50
	Samuel M. Hill, teaming drain pipe,	2 00
	" " lifting electric light poles on Walnut street and removing same,	2 96
	Wenham Veteran Association (town appropriation),	25 00
	Addison Williams, conveying library books to East Wenham,	10 00
	J. M. Parsons, cement drain pipe,	3 60
	O. D. Leonard, repairs on town pump platform, and shelf for fire extinguishers,	2 75
	G. H. Woodbury, mason work round town pump,	1 00
	N. P. Perkins, cash paid for telegraph messages,	75
	C. A. Lawrence, glazed earthen drain pipe,	11 50
	Fred F. Abbott, drain pipe,	54
	William T. Tucker, labor putting up snow fence,	1 00
	George M. Stevens, figures for town clock dial, gilding hands, and other labor on the same,	22 20
	J. F. Pope & Son, lumber for town pump platform,	2 69
	" " spruce railing, for ward nine,	7 81
	H. E. Durgin, sharpening picks, repairing furnace door, etc.	1 12
	H. E. Durgin, ironing water trough and painting the same,	1 25
	H. E. Durgin, repairs on Samuel M. Hill's sled,	2 00
	" " repairs on road machine,	1 90
	E. K. Batchelder, labor connecting cisterns, 1898.	2 70
	Harry Brewer, care of street light,	10 00
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies for street lights,	7 20
	" " " postage, etc., for Selectmen and Assessors,	1 10
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, nails for railing and bridges,	2 97
	Fred H. Brooks, painting town clock dial,	7 80
	Wellington Pool, cash paid American express,	1 45

Paid Wellington Pool, oaths to town officers,	$	3 05
" " pathing snow around town building,		1 90
" " cash paid O. D. Leonard setting glass,		35
" " " " B. H. Conant, removing settees,		40
" " " " F. Hallett & Co., for posters and dog license blanks,		2 95
" " taking acknowledgment of cemetery deeds,		75
" " cash paid Whitcomb & Carter Co., for halyards,		90
" " labor on funnel,		1 15
" " returning deaths as undertaker,		2 50
" " care of soldiers' lot in cemetery,		2 50
" " providing settees for school examinations,		50
Charles F. Elliott, furnishing staging (town clock dials),		10 26
J. H. Perkins, cash paid for telephone and expressing,		2 10
	$	263 30

Monument, Park and Common.

Paid Wellington Pool, labor,		6 36
" " cash paid for labor,		5 42
" " " " fertilizer,		1 50
	$	13 28

Town House and Hall.

Paid	B. F. Hill, locks, knobs, keys, etc.	$ 6 50
	O. D. Leonard, repairs and setting glass,	2 75
	A. J. Walker, tuning piano,	4 45
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, oil and lamp chimneys, etc.	5 97
	J. Fairfield, coal,	22 15
Paid	Wellington Pool, care of hall and town room,	23 07
	" " " library room,	5 00
	" " cash paid for keys,	35
	" " additional for care of hall,	3 50
		$ 75 54

Town Library.

Paid	B. H. Conant, cash paid expense of Trustees to Boston, (March 20th),	5 85
	" " " " for record book,	50
	" " " " American Express Co.,	1 40
	DeWolf, Fiske & Co., books for library,	124 76
	Beverly Citizen, printing 400 supplements to catalogue,	4 00
	C. F. Elliott, labor and stock on book case and Library room,	21 31
	B. H. Conant, cash paid for books and magazines,	17 09
	" " " " book supports, postage and other incidentals,	3 41
		$ 178 32

Water Supply for School Rooms.

Paid	Geo. W. Jones, labor, hauling pipe, sand, etc.,	15 15
	John Williams, labor on trench,	7 20

S. E. McGlauflin, piping, bends, etc.	$ 6 36
H. W. Porter, stock and labor furnished	2 00
S. Dodge, Jr., oil, tending lanterns, car fare, etc.	5 00
Williamson & Herrick, contract for plumbing,	85 00
	$ 120 71

Fire Department.

Paid Enon Fire Association, 23 members to May 1, 1899,	46 00
Wm. F. Homan, services as steward, March and April,	8 00
O. D. Leonard, labor and stock for ladder house, Wenham Neck,	20 81
Wm. T. Tucker, watching fire, (H. E. Durgin's),	2 00
F. H. Tarr, " " " "	2 00
F. P. Stanton, supplies for engine house to May 1, 1899,	2 00
" " refreshments furnished firemen Aug. 2,	4 08
" " buckets furnished at fire Aug. 2,	75
J. R. Sargent, watching fire, (J. Kavanagh's),	2 00
Chas. W. Fulsom, " " "	2 00
Fred F. Porter, labor and stock painting ladder house Wenham Neck,	2 85
H. E. Durgin, repairs on fire extinguishers, and cash paid for expressing and postage,	1 94
F. H. Tarr, labor on engine,	2 55
J. Fairfield, coal,	11 00
	$ 107 98

Town Officers.

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Wellington Pool,	salary one year,	$ 50 00
" "	returning vote for representative,	2 00
" "	cash paid out-of-town doctors, for returning births 1896-97-98,	2 00
" "	returning marriages 1898,	60
" "	obtaining, recording, indexing and returning to Secretary of Commonwealth births, deaths and marriages, 1899,	19 80
		$ 74 40

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Elbridge Porter,	services to March, 1899,	30 00
" "	taking census of school children and preparing blanks (under new law),	14 00
Wm. B. Morgan,	services to March, 1899,	30 00
F. M. Dodge,	" " "	67 00
		$ 141 00

ASSESSORS.

Paid R. F. Dodge,	11 days' services,	22 00
N. P. Perkins,	12 " "	24 00
J. H. Perkins,	12 " "	24 00
		$ 70 00

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Paid N. P. Perkins,	services for one year,	5 00
N. P. Perkins,	journeys out of town and cash paid,	7 25
J. H. Perkins,	services for one year,	6 00
" "	journeys out of town and cash paid,	7 00
R. F. Dodge,	services for one year,	5 00
		$ 30 25

REGISTRARS

Paid R. F. Dodge,	7 sessions		$ 7 00
N. P. Perkins,	5	"	5 00
J. H. Perkins,	4	"	4 00
Wellington Pool,	9	"	9 00
"	"	posting registration notices,	3 00
"	"	cash paid for care of chapels,	50
			$ 28 50

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Paid Jeremiah Kavanagh, collector for 1898,		50 00
"	" cash for tax collector's book	2 50
		$ 52 50

TOWN TREASURER

Paid Wm. F Trowt,	salary one year	50 00

SELECTMEN

Paid R. F. Dodge,	distributing town reports	2 00
"	15½ days' service,	31 00
"	service at state election,	2 50
N P Perkins,	15 days,	30 00
"	service at state election,	2 50
"	distributing town reports,	1 00
"	incidental service and postage,	6 00
J. H. Perkins,	distributing town reports,	2 00
"	14 days' service as selectman,	28 00
"	journies out of town and cash paid	7 00
"	service at state election,	2 50
		$ 114 50

AUDITOR

Paid Otis D. Brewer,	auditing town report Feb. 1899,	3 00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Henry Alley, services as agent of the board of health for months of June, Oct., Nov. and Dec. 1899, and Jan. and Feb. 1900,		$ 24 00

CARE OF TRAMPS.

Paid J. H. Perkins, disinfectants,		1 00
John C Richards, one year's salary,		50 00
		$ 51 00

(Number of tramps lodged 280.)

CONSTABLES AND POLICE.

Paid H. A. Moulton, 2d, service 1898,		10 00
Henry P. Brewer, service July 3 and 4,	1899	4 00
Fred F. Abbott, " " 4,	"	2 00
H. E. Durgin, " 4,	"	2 00
Chas E McQueeney service in case No. 1545 District court,		2 95
" July 4 and other times,		4 00
posting warrant state election 1899,		2 50
Henry Alley, posting warrant, service at state election, etc.,		7 00
" " serving dog warrant		4 00
" " service July 4		2 00
		$ 40 45

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Paid H A Moulton, ballot clerk state election 1898,	2 00
F. H. Tarr, inspector 1898,	2 50
" " ballot clerk 1899,	2 00
H A Moulton, inspector at state election 1899,	2 50
	$ 9 00

MODERATOR.

Paid H. E. Durgin, service town meeting, March, 1899,		$ 3 00

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE AND PROVISIONS.

Paid Henry Alley, balance for service to Feb. 28, 1899,		25 00
" "	services as inspector of animals to Feb. 29, 1900,	20 00
" "	inspector of slaughter houses to May 31, 1899,	12 00
		$ 57 00

Expense in Waters Case.

Paid F. L. Evans,	examination of records and conferences with County Commissioners in regard to defining the line of highway on Main St., 1898,	45 00
F. L. Evans,	preparation of case for trial before the Suffolk Superior court, and conducting the defence in the suit for alleged trespass, before the Auditor appointed by said court,	85 00
Warren Jones,	witness in above case,	1 25
P. H. Kavanugh,	" " "	1 00
		$ 132 25

Expense in Tilton Case.

Paid F. L. Evans,	conducting case on appeal of Plaintiffs, before the Supreme court, including services of H. P. Moulton, 1898,	$ 224 00
F. L. Evans,	attendance and service at trial be-	

	fore Superior court May, 1899, also for services of H. P. Moulton, and for previous preparation of said case,	$ 350 00
Paid F. L. Evans,	cash paid for summoning witnesses, electric car for jury, taking notes of testimony, photographs, etc.,	38 30
Putnam & Ricker,	surveying, drafting plans, witness at trial, etc.,	58 50
Dr. Chas. A. Carleton,	expert witness.	50 00
Dr. O. B. Shreve,	" "	75 00
F. H. Tarr,	witness 4 days at trial,	8 00
Geo. W. Wilson	" 2½ " "	5 00
Henry Hobbs,	" 4 " "	8 00
N. P. Perkins	" 6 " "	12 00
" "	other service before and after trial,	6 00
Daniel A. Homan,	3 days witness at trial,	6 00
Henry P. Brewer,	4 " " "	8 00
Simeon Dodge Jr.,	4 " " "	8 56
R. F. Dodge,	6 " " "	12 00
W. F. Trowt,	2 " " "	4 00
J. H. Perkins,	7 days service at trial and before.	14 00
H. W. Porter,	2 " " " as witness,	4 00
J. Kavanagh,	4 " " " "	8 00
H. P. Brewer,	service locating highway boundary lines near Wenham pond brook.	56
		$ 899 92

COST OF COURT AND AWARD OF JURY

For Damages in the Cases of Charles H. Tilton, Florence B Tilton and Marion T. North.

		Witness' fees	Travel.	Total
Paid Florence B. Tilton	8 days,	$24 00	—	$24 00
Marion T. North.	8 "	24 00		24 00
Chas. H. Tilton,	9 "	27 00		27 00
Barbor P. Gray,	4 "	18 00	$2 10	20 10

Paid Daniel Crowley,	4 days,	$ 18 00	$ 90	$ 18 90
H. H. Demsey,	5 "	22 50	2 10	24 60
Henry P. Brewer,	2 "	9 00	70	9 70
H. L. Eaton,	5 "	22 50	2 10	24 80
H. E. Durgin,	2 "	9 00	70	9 70
I. F. Day,	2 "	9 00	1 40	10 40
E. C. Sawyer,	4 "	6 00	30	6 30
Adelaide Pitman,	3 "	13 50	4 60	18 10
Annie S. Adams,	1 "	4 50	2 30	6 80
F. B. Needham,	1 "	4 50	50	5 00
Arthur Kemble,	3 "	4 50	10	4 60
S. B. Thayer,	5 "	7 50	1 40	8 90
P. H. Kavanagh,	1 "	4 50	70	5 20
				$ 248 10

Paid Other witness fees allowed by the court,		25 40
Other traveling fees allowed to the Plaintiffs,		25 44
15 court term fees,		75 00
Cost of printing for Supreme court (on appeal ,		84 00
3 Attorney's fees,		7 50
Other court expenses,		44 86
Award of jury to Florence B. Tilton,		250 00
" " Chas. H. Tilton,		80 00
" " Marion T. North,		50 00
		$ 890 30

Abatements.

1894

Charles Greenlaw,	personal,	1 36
W. H. Larrabee,	poll,	2 00
H. N. Burpee,	poll and personal,	4 52
		$ 7 88

1897

H. S. Bowen,	1 poll, not found,	$ 2 00
John Cole,	1 poll, gone,	2 00
H. W. Dodge,	deceased, real,	5 74
S. A. Day,	1 poll, not found,	2 00
Charles W. Whiting,	not liable, poll and personal,	2 72
George Wilkins,	1 poll, gone,	2 00
Henry Waitt,	poll and personal,	2 24
		$ 18 70

1896

Charles Baker,	1 poll, deceased	2 00
John Cole,	1 " gone	2 00
George W. Rogers,	poll and personal,	5 22
		$ 9 22

1898

Charles C. Brown,	poll,	2 00
Charles A. Whiting,	"	2 00
Henry Waitt,	1 poll, not found,	2 00
Henry A. Putman,	too much real,	22
Milton A. Woodman,	too much personal.	88
		$ 7 10

1899

Heirs of Jason Williams,	error in real,	3 12
Frank A. Magee,	too much real,	3 60
P. H. Kavanagh,	" "	96
		$ 7 68

State Aid.

Paid Joseph Addison,	49 00
Henry P. Brewer,	63 00

Paid	Geo. G. Clark,	$ 24 00
	Ephraim Hathaway	32 00
	Warren M. Larrabee,	48 00
	Harriet A. Larrabee,	48 00
	John F. Peach,	42 00
	Elizabeth S. Peach	48 00
	J. M. Rollins,	12 00
	Elbridge K. Standley,	48 00
	Joseph B. Woodman,	48 00
	Ira F. Trask,	8 00

Military Aid.

	Daniel A. Homan	136 00
	Benj. F. Young,	144 00
		$ 750 00

Summary of Town Expenses.

For	Schools,	$ 1979 30
	Incidentals, Schools,	399 94
	High School Tuition	420 00
	Highways,	1488 34
	Snow,	712 51
	Pingree's Bridge	65 86
	Extra Highway,	46 50
	Sidewalks,	105 83
	Support of Poor	426 56
	Soldiers' Relief,	525 60
	Burial of Indigent Soldier	35 00
	Incidentals,	263 30
	Town House,	75 54
	Library,	178 32
	Park and Common,	13 28
	Fire Department,	107 98
	Water Supply,	120 71

For	Waters Case,	$ 132 25
	Tilton Case,	1790 22
	Town Officers,	748 60
	Abatements, 1894, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899,	50 58
	State Aid,	750 00
		$ 10,436 22

Tax Collectors' Accounts.

Elbridge Porter, Collector for 1894, in account with Town of Wenham.

To	balance due on account of tax list of 1894	$ 31 50
By	payments to W. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	12 23
	error in account,	1 35
	uncollected taxes,	17 92
		$ 31 50

J. H. Perkins, Jr., Collector of Taxes for 1895, in account with the Town of Wenham.

To	balance due on tax list of 1895,	18 28
	interest on taxes,	2 35
		$ 20 60
By	payments to W. F. Trowt, Treasurer,	8 60
	uncollected taxes,	12 00
		$ 20 60

J. H. Perkins, Jr., Collector of Taxes for 1896, in account with the Town of Wenham.

To	balance due on tax list of 1896,	53 12
	interest on taxes,	7 04
		$ 60 16

By payments to Treasurer,	$ 42	50
uncollected taxes,	17	66
	$ 60	16

J. H. Perkins, Jr., Collector for 1897, in account with Town of Wenham.

To balance due on tax list of 1897,	664	13
interest on taxes,	66	23
	$ 730	36
By payments to Treasurer,	500	08
uncollected taxes,	230	28
	$ 730	36

Jeremiah Kavanagh, Collector for 1898, in account with Town of Wenham.

To balance on tax list of 1898,	1038	84
interest on taxes,	35	24
	$ 1074	08
By payments to Treasurer,	986	38
uncollected taxes	87	70
	$ 1074	08

Jeremiah Kavanagh, Collector for 1899, in account with Town of Wenham

To tax list of 1899,	9643	36
additions to tax list,	18	40
interest on taxes,	12	91
street railroad excise tax,	434	87
[Chap. 588, Sec. 7, Act of 1898.]		
	$ 10109	54

By payments to Treasurer,	$ 9215	78
discount on taxes,	52	02
uncollected taxes,	841	74
	$ 10109	54

Treasurer's Account.

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH W. F. TROWT, TREASURER.

RECEIPTS

1899. Feb. 17, Balance in the treasury,	$ 1568	34
From the Commonwealth, national bank tax,	358	77
" " corporation tax,	555	86
" " income of Mass. school fund,	355	52
" " state aid reimbursed,	504	00
" " military aid reimbursed,	136	00
" " account of street railway tax, (chap. 578, sec. 4, Acts of 1898.,	518	33
" " burial of state pauper,	7	00
" County treasurer, dog licenses refunded,	177	89
City of Salem, Longham taxes,	97	97
Town of Ipswich on account of Ipps Norwood,	6	75
Naumkeag National Bank, temporary loans,	3000	00
Salem Savings Bank, balance of deposit,	1076	56
Wellington Pool, rent of hall and piano,	40	75
" " sale of town history,	1	00
Clerk of First District court,	4	38
sale of cemetery lots and soil,	84	50
" old junk,	2	99
H. W. Porter, old school seat,		25
F. R. Edwards, tuition of pupil,	24	00
James W. Morgan, " "	8	00
town scales,	14	95

From butchers' licenses.	$ 4 00
druggist's license,	1 00
B. H. Conant, librarian, fines, etc.,	10 19
Jeremiah Kavanagh, account of tax lists,	10,202 16
James H. Perkins, Jr., " "	551 18
Elbridge Porter, " "	12 23
	$ 19,349 57

PAYMENTS

State of Massachusetts, note,	1000 00
Naumkeag National Bank, temporary loan,	3000 00
State tax,	435 00
County tax,	642 30
State of Mass., one-fourth of druggist's license,	25
Interest on town debt,	20 00
" temporary loan,	45 20
" Allen cemetery fund,	20 75
" Mary Perkins "	161 65
Cemetery Commissioners,	160 15
Selectmen's orders,	10,436 22
Balance in the treasury,	3,428 05
	$ 19,349 57

Financial Statement.

LIABILITIES.

Note due Trustees of Allen cemetery fund,	$ 475 00
Interest on the same to Jan. 29, 1900,	55 91
Note due Trustees of Mary Perkins fund,	3000 00
Interest on the same to Feb. 1, 1900,	100 88
Estimate of outstanding bills,	800 00
Due the Cemetery Commissioners,	50 66
	$ 4482 45

Balance in favor of the town,	$ 762 90
	$ 5245 35

RESOURCES.

Due from State of Mass. for State aid,	$ 470 00
" " " Military aid,	140 00
Elbridge Porter, tax collector for 1894,	17 92
J. H. Perkins, Jr., " " " 1895,	12 00
" " " " " 1896,	17 66
" " " " " 1897,	230 28
J. Kavanagh, " " " 1898,	87 70
" " " " 1899,	841 74
Cash in treasury,	3428 05
	$ 5245 35

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MARY PERKINS FUND.

1899	Feb. 1.	Unexpended balance,	$ 112 53
1900	Feb. 1.	Interest for one year,	150 00
			$ 262 53
Allowed to different persons in the form of rent, fuel, supplies, etc., in accordance with the terms of the bequest,			$ 161 65
Unexpended balance Feb. 14, 1900,			$ 100 88

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS

1899	Feb. 17.	Balance in the treasury,	$ 126 31
From sale of cemetery lots,			82 50
" " soil			2 00
			$ 210 81

PAYMENTS

Frank Tarr,	labor,	$ 38 60
Warren Jones,	"	45 05
S. K. Evans,	"	21 70
Elbridge Porter,	"	10 00
George W. Jones,	"	5 40
William T. Tucker,	"	7 20
J. F. Batchelder,	"	6 80
John R. Sargent,	"	5 00
E. A. A. Raymond,	gravel,	11 40
T. C. Thurlow,	trees,	9 00
Balance in the treasury,		50 66
		$ 210 81

FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS.

The Commissioners respectfully submit the following report of work done and improvements made in the Cemetery since the spring of 1898. The first thing done was to remove the old wall on the land bought of Henry Tarr in 1892 and to build a new wall on the line of the said Tarr's land. This was done in a thorough and substantial manner so that nothing more will need to be done there for many years. We then commenced the work of clearing out the old locusts and wild cherry trees, etc., and replacing them with maple and evergreen trees. At different times, during the two years, as the money we had would allow, we have continued the work of grading and gravelling the avenues and have made considerable progress in that direction. We have also relaid the wall by the roadside at the right of the first avenue, which was made necessary by the raising of the grade at that point by the state highway.

Through the special efforts of one of the Commissioners in obtaining subscriptions for that purpose, a great improvement has been made in the low land at the base of the hill, the brook has been tiled with 12 inch pipe and nearly 400 loads of loam and other materials have been used in filling and grading the surface,

which has been laid out to avenues and flower beds. There are many other things that need to be done. The work of graveling the avenues should be continued, and we think the wall on the highway should be relaid and pointed up, the hearse house removed and a new wall built there, also we think a small building should be put up at some point near the brook to be used for housing tools, etc.

WARREN JONES,
S. K. EVANS,
F. H. TARR,
Cemetery Commissioners.

S. K. Evans makes the following report in regard to the money received by him from subscriptions, for the improvement of the Cemetery, and also of the manner in which it was expended:

Received from Edward A. Perkins of Boston, $20; Mrs. H. E. Pingree, $15; John Lummus of Danvers, $10; N. P. Perkins, $10; Lucy E. Davis, $5; *Capt. Frank Kemble of New York, $5; S. R. Prince, $5; Israel W. Davis, $5; Miss F. E. Dodge, $5; David Pingree, $5; J. H. Perkins, $5; Geo. H. Perkins, $5; W. P. Dodge, $5; Mrs. M. A. Pingree, $5; F. E. Perkins, $5; Mrs. Elbridge Kimball, $5; Z. Cole, $1; Trowt Bros., $3; C. F. Elliott, $2; Mrs. Lizzie Robinson of Salem, $2; George W. Patch, $2; Mrs Mary Robbins, $2; Mrs. S. A. Gould, $1; F. P. Stanton, $1; A. Webster Dodge, $1; Mrs. George Perkins, $1.

Also labor was given as follows: F. H. Tarr and team, one day's work; John R. Sargent and team, one day; J. F. Batchelder with team, one half day; Elbridge Porter one day and gravel; Warren Jones, one day; Geo. W. Jones, one day; E. K. Batchelder, one day; Wm. T. Tucker, one day; Otis A. Clark, one half day; H. R. Merrill, one half day; J. L. Batchelder, one half day. I also received from trustees of Allen Cemetery fund $24.38, which was expended for labor, cleaning stones, etc.

* $10 more expected.

Paid for 150 ft. of 12-inch pipe,	$ 50 00
3 settees and expressing,	10 75
labor, men and teams,	85 10
	$ 145 85
Received from subscriptions as above,	131 00
	$ 14 85

The commissioners desire to extend their thanks to those persons who gave the different sums, and also solicit still other subscriptions to carry on the good work of improving and beautifying our cemetery, and all who are interested enough to contribute may feel assured that the best judgment of the commissioners will be used, to expend whatever is received to the best possible advantage

S. K. EVANS.

Approved
WARREN JONES,
F. H. TARR.

List of Jurors Proposed by the Selectmen.

George W. Jones, laborer,	Chas. H. Stanton, farmer,
Simeon Dodge, Jr. shoemaker,	Chas. H. McQueeney, conductor,
George W. Patch, butcher,	Leander F. Hodgdon, farmer,
Arthur D. Prince, farmer,	Clarence E. Kimball, farmer,
George E. Perkins, carpenter,	Fred F. Abbott, carpenter,
Nathaniel P. Perkins, farmer,	Elmer E. Clark, shoemaker,
Frank E. Perkins, butcher,	William P. Dodge, farmer.

Assessors' Report.

1899.

Number of polls assessed,	254
Tax on each poll,	$ 2.00

Value of assessed personal property,	$198,750.00
" " buildings,	471,625.00
" " land,	281,225.00
Total valuation,	$ 951,600.00
Tax on polls and property,	9,643.36
Rate per thousand,	9.60
Number of horses taxed,	285
" cows "	356
Neat cattle other than cows taxed.	10
Swine "	48
Number of fowls "	1150
" dwelling houses "	245
" acres of land "	4584
" tax payers	493
" " " on property,	399
" " " poll tax only,	94

Auditor's Report.

The undersigned, having examined the accounts of the several officers, finds the sums correct with vouchers for the payments.

OTIS D. BREWER, Auditor.

Selectmens' Estimates for 1900.

The Selectmen recommend that the following sums be raised to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the coming year :

Schools,	$ 1400 00
School incidentals,	300 00
High School tuition,	450 00
Incidentals,	1700 00
Highways,	1200 00
Library,	100 00
Interest,	225 00
Soldiers' relief,	500 00
Support of poor,	500 00
	$ 6375 00

Town Clerk's Report.

1899.

Eighteen births (nine males and nine females), nine marriages and thirty deaths were recorded in Wenham in 1899. Sixteen died in town—fourteen died elsewhere and were brought here for interment.

1899		Years	Months	Days
Jan. 11,	Abigail L. Johnson,*	95		
" 17,	George W. Merrill,	91	3	2
Feb. 16,	Mary Higgins,*	86	1	7
March 10,	Eliza A. Hawkins,	79	7	11
April 15,	Caroline Collier,*	78		
May 17,	Frederick Brooks,			3
June 23,	————Whiting,			2
Aug. 5,	Rose Annie Tinkham,		4	11
" 14,	Mary J. Boyle,*	34		
Sept. 6,	Samuel R. Prince,	66	4	12
" 7,	John F. Peach.* (Co. A, 4th Regt., Heavy Art., M. V.)	64	2	3
" 15,	Eldred M. Webber,* (Co. H, 2d Regt. Inf., M. V.)	76	8	
" 20,	Elizabeth M. Upton,	82	10	17
Nov. 7,	Harriet E. Keene,*	52	6	23
" 25,	Emily M. Young,*	45	8	22
Dec. 20,	James L. Dodge,	86	6	18

*Removed for interment elsewhere.

BROUGHT TO WENHAM FOR INTERMENT.

1899		Years	Months	Days
Jan. 4,	Ernest Ober ("the boy preacher"),	18	—	9
" 28,	Israel H. Trask,	82	11	27
Apr. 11,	George Howe,	72	6	8
" 27,	Emma C. Redlon,	38	8	2
June 10,	Henry C. Peabody,	56	1	24
" 13,	Alta May Smith,	2	5	29

		Years	Months	Days
Aug. 4,	Oilve B. Dodge,	70	7	29
" 6,	Alpheus D. Noyes,		1	21
" 29,	Lloyd Taylor,		7	17
Sept. 24,	Charles H. Shattuck (Sergt. 4th Bat. Lt. Art, M. V.),	64	5	18
" 28,	Caleb S. Gage,	84	7	17
" 28,	May Ellen Ober,	26	4	1
Nov. 18,	Abbie P. Roundy,	30	3	26
Dec. 5,	Sarah A. Meldram,	85		

DOGS.

Ninety four dogs—seventy nine males and fifteen females were licensed, and from the amount received therefore, the sum of two hundred fourteen dollars and twenty cents was paid into the County treasury.

The sum of one hundred and seventy seven dollars and eighty nine cents has been refunded.

WELLINGTON POOL, Town Clerk.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

ESSEX, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Wenham in the County of Essex.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

2. To act on the annual reports of Selectmen, School Committee, Trustees of the Public Library and other Town officers.

3. To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the year ensuing, make appropriations of the same, and determine the manner of collecting.

5. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, said loan or loans to be paid from said taxes.

6. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as proposed by the Selectmen.

7. To see it the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the expense of Memorial Day, under the direction of the soldiers and sailors of Wenham.

8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay the state and military aid for the coming year.

9. To see what action the town will take in relation to truant scholars.

10. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The ballot shall be "Yes" or "No."

11. To see if the town will vote to have the Town House re-painted (including the roof), and to make such repairs as may be incidentally necessary to the same. Also to repair the decorations of the hall and raise money therefor.

12. To see if the town will take any action in regard to the hearse and hearse house and raise money for the same. Request of Wellington Pool.

13. To see if the town will vote to lower the grade of the highway at the farther end of Friend St. Petition of F. P. Stanton and others.

14. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $200 for sidewalks. Petition of M. A. Clark and others.

15. To see if the town will vote to elect or appoint a street commissioner or commissioners, or act anything thereon.

16. To see if the town will take or purchase a gravel pit in ward seven, or act anything thereon. Request of C. S. Cook.

17. To see if the town will vote to purchase a snow plow for the center of the town and raise money for the same. Petition of F. H. Tarr and others.

18. To see if the town will vote to sell the hand fire engine and buy a chemical. Petition of G. E. Homan and others.

19. To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town House, one at the Baptist meeting house, one at A. D. & W. F. Trowt's store, one at the chapel at Mapleville, and one at the eastern part of the town, near the house of J. K. Dodge, in said town, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not: and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred.

N. P. PERKINS,
J. H. PERKINS,
R. F. DODGE,
Selectmen of Wenham.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

For the Year Ending December 31,

1899.

BEVERLY, MASS.
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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In conformity to statute requirements the School Committee submit the following report of the public schools of the town of Wenham, for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1899.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

The Committee received and paid out for the maintenance of the Public Schools, as follows:

Town appropriation,	$1400.00
State school fund,	355.52
Dog tax,	177.89
	$1,933.41
Paid for teaching,	$1,759.25
" " " vocal music, from April 6, 1898, to March 10, 1899,	129.00
" " care of rooms and building fires,	78.80
" " fuel,	103.18
	$2,070.23
Paid for books, stationery, school room supplies, and school incidentals,	$148.96
for repairs on school buildings, and fence,	104.92
" " and new furniture for school rooms,	16.27
	$270.15

Number of persons in town on the first day of September, 1899, between five and fifteen years of age, one hundred and thirty-three.

Number of public schools, five.

Whole number of different pupils enrolled during the school year, one hundred and thirty-eight.

Whole number of different pupils under five years of age enrolled during the school year, three.

Whole number of different pupils over fifteen years of age enrolled during the school year, five.

Whole number of different pupils between seven and fourteen years of age enrolled during the school year, one hundred and four.

Average membership of all the schools, one hundred and eleven.

Average attendance in all the schools, one hundred and six.

The per cent of attendance based upon the average membership, ninety-five and five-tenths.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS, ETC.

The school buildings are in general good condition, requiring but little done to them the past year. The north half of the roof of the East school house has been shingled; a book case and one additional blackboard have been added to fhe school furniture, also new curtains for the windows. The fence on the south side of the school yard at the Neck, which had become worthless from age, was removed and a new one built in its place. Some repairs have been made upon the furniture and school rooms in the West and Centre school buildings, an itemized account of which will be found in the report of the Selectmen.

Our schools have completed the work of another year, and upon a review of their condition we find more cause for congratulation than on any previous year during our official connection with them. No radical changes have been made in our methods; we have persevered in the same educational system which, though

neither ostentatious nor rapid, is unwavering and substantial. Whatever management or instruction has endured the crucial tests of the school room and the trials of time, has been carefully preserved, while all else has been rejected. What our schools now are they have become by successive stages of improvement. In seeking still to advance and improve them we should remember that change is not always progress. Schools are made better, just as abuses in society are corrected: more by reformation than by revolution. Our schools, judged by what they have done and are doing, though by no means perfect, merit the full confidence and generous support of our citizens.

TEACHERS.

Of the character and efficiency of our teachers, as a whole, the committee can speak only in terms of high commendation. Some by a long term of faithful, unremitting service, have earned the lasting gratitude, not only of the immediate patrons of our schools, but also of our citizens generally. One of the most important services that the committee can render is to keep our schools supplied with the best teachers, since upon the teacher more than upon all else, depends the real success of the school. The best system, the most judicious supervision, the most approved methods of instruction and government, without the living, inspiring and controlling spirit of the teacher, are lifeless.

The position of a teacher of youth is one of great influence, since upon the plastic character of her pupils, she, to a certain extent, indelibly impresses herself; this is true, not only of the best, but also of the *indolent and inefficient*. Our schools, if we would have them progress and keep in touch with the true spirit of progress want no teachers whose preparation for their work in the school room does not carry them beyond the limits of the text book, none who are satisfied to let the hours of school drag along in wearisome, stupid routine; none who have not the ability and tact to direct and control the impetuosities of youth.

MUSIC.

It is with pleasure that we refer to the ready response of the

town for the continuance of the study of vocal music in our schools. This important branch is taught in all the schools by a special teacher. Its elements, to a certain extent, are thoroughly mastered so that reading music is almost as common an attainment among the pupils as in other school studies. The influence of such culture upon the imagination, the morals and manners of the pupils is most happy and, its value is beyond computation by ordinary methods. Music has been taught in our schools for the past three years by Miss Sarah C. Prince, who has, during the past year, followed the method of previous years, viz.: of giving one lesson, of one hour's length, weekly, to each school in town. That Miss Prince had conscientiously, wisely and faithfully discharged her duties in teaching this branch of school study was made perfectly apparent from the exhibit given at the examination of the several schools.

We regret that the work in this branch, so well and satisfactorily performed, with results so indicative of real progress, is not to be continued under the care of Miss Prince, who, very much to the regret of teachers and committee, resigns her position as teacher of music, at the close of the schools in March.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

These have been held once a month as during the previous year, and were occasions of much interest and profit to the teachers, as through these gatherings opportunities were given for mutual interchange of thought and comparison of methods of instruction, not only as to the curriculum as a whole, but also in particular branches of study, which resulted very perceptibly in improving the general condition of the schools. Carefully prepared papers by the teachers, on subjects previously assigned, giving the writers' views and methods of presenting those subjects to their pupils, were read, after which there was a general discussion on the views presented, thus securing for all the benefit and experience of those teachers, who might excel in any particular subject.

SCHOOL YARDS.

A most pleasing change has been wrought in the appearance

of some of our school yards. Through the Improvement Society, a prize of ten dollars was offered for the best school garden in town and a second prize of five dollars for the garden which stood second in point of excellence. The healthy interest aroused in making the desolate school yards more attractive has been for the children a most practical lesson in one of the duties of citizenship, while their interest in nature work has been correspondingly stimulated and increased.

The Neck School received the first prize representing the largest amount of work, and personal interest of the pupils.

The West School with its neatly kept beds was unanimously given the second prize.

It is hoped that teachers and pupils will continue their public spirited work during the coming summer.

Before passing to consider each of the schools, under its appropriate head, we would say, our schools invite criticisms that are based on personal knowledge and observation, which aim to improve and not to injure; guided by these, they hope to merit in the future that confidence and support which the town has so generously given, in the past.

EAST SCHOOL.

In the number of its pupils this was the smallest school in town. In one respect, at least, the composition of the school was somewhat peculiar, its entire number of pupils being girls,—a peculiarity we have never before known to have existed, in the public schools of Wenham.

The school sustained a loss during the year, in point of number of pupils in consequence of removals from the district; yet notwithstanding this reduction in its number, a marked feature throughout the school year was the manifest interest of the pupils in their school work. To those having the general supervision of the work of the school, the source of this individual interest of the pupils was made very apparent in their visits through the year, and that source was the interested, resourceful, indefatigable teacher, Miss Florence E. Dodge, who has had charge of the school during the past four years.

The history of the school during the time it has been in the care of Miss Dodge, demonstrates the fact that, the continued services of a successful teacher, is of inestimable value to any school, as the quality and scope of the work are greatly improved and extended.

The supervision of the work throughout the year furnished unquestioned evidences of careful and thorough training on the part of the teacher and diligent attention and application to school requirements on the part of the pupils, and the fruitage of such a mutual combination of effort was most satisfactory, in the best and highest sense of the term. The fault of the pupils, in previous years, of reading too rapidly has received the careful and special attention of the teacher and we are happy to report that the fault has been corrected and the reading improved, not only in this particular but also in emphasis, expression and distinctness of enunciation. The work done in mental arithmetic was of the first order and as a natural result of such mental discipline,—which has been a prominent feature of the school work during the past two years—the classes in written arithmetic made exceptionally good progress. In algebra the work of the year was from the beginning of the book through fractions, the definitions, principles and their application were thoroughly studied and understood. The excellent work of the previous year in history was continued with equally satisfactory results. Drawing lessons were given once a week, many of the objects taken from nature, also ink painting; the pupils were intensely interested in this line of work. There was a growing interest through the entire year in the study of music, literature and art, in each of which much and good work was accomplished.

The invariable good order of the school and the neatness of the school room with the attractive decorations upon its walls were appreciative features.

"Figures," it is said, "tell the truth"; they show that in one particular, at least, the school made a decided advance, in the line of average daily attendance, over that of the previous year, having, as indicated by the school register, attained an average of 98 per

cent, as against 95.74 the previous year, a gain of 2.26, progress upward and onward as it ever should be in school employments. The same general advance was made along the line of the various branches of study.

The examination of the year's work, was made on Wednesday, A. M., Dec. 20th. In all of the studies in which the pupils were examined, they were very prompt and clear in their statement of principles and facts. The reading as a whole was commendable, the spelling of all the pupils from youngest to oldest was excellent. The first and second classes in mental arithmetic sustained a very thorough examination, and in written arithmetic the work upon the blackboards was very neatly executed, the reasoning and explanation all that could be desired, and given without the least hesitation. In algebra the ground covered was from the beginning of the text book through fractions, and the examination of the class upon the work of the year was indicative of thorough work and a clear understanding of the portion studied. In technical grammar, the definitions and rules were promptly given and their ready application to analysis and parsing gave proof that the work had been very carefully and intelligently done. The classes in history gave unquestionable evidence of a clear conception of the events narrated ; the same was true of the classes in geography. In language, physiology, and music the pupils gave a good exhibit of their year's work. The bookkeeping, writing and drawing the best,—in the judgment of the committee—the school has ever furnished.

It is safe to affirm that an examination seldom occurs more thorough and satisfactory.

Not absent during the summer term :—Fannie K. Wyatt. During the fall and winter terms :—Gracie M. Hawkins. During the year :—Clara E. Williams, Addie M. Williams, Lena G. Williams and Anna Williams.

Number of tardy marks during the year, eight.

NECK SCHOOL.

The parents of this district have been very highly favored in

having their children enjoy the privilege of receiving their school training from the disciplined mind of the same interested, thorough and watchful teacher for the past three years; and during that entire period there has, at no time been a flagging of interest on the part of either teacher or pupils, but rather a perceptible increase and growing pleasure in all that partains to a well regulated school.

The teacher, Miss Altai Maud Hill, has led her pupils very carefully and wisely along those educational lines of study and investigation as were adapted to their age and mental acquirement, from the child taking its first steps in school work to those of more advanced age and intellectual development; and at no time, while under the care of Miss Hill, has the school merited higher commendation for thorough, progressive work, in all of its varied branches of school study, than in the year 1899.

The school has not only grown in mental acquisition but also in its number of pupils, recording more names upon its register than for many years past.

To observe the every day routine work of the scholars in the preparation of their lessons, and the promptness with which they responded to the questions of the teacher or visitor, so varied in manner of presentation as to thoroughly test their knowledge of the subject considered, was a source of genuine pleasure.

In conducting the class recitations the text books were regarded as a means not the end of instruction; the apparent object, on all such occasions, was, not to burden the memory of the pupils with simple verbiage, but to discipline them to habits of independent thought and investigation, and for the accomplishment of this highly commendable and most desirable end, Miss Hill laid under contribution whatever in nature or art that came under her observation, which she considered would be of interest and in any way instruct her pupils, by that means awakening new desires for farther and more important information and imparting a fresh impetus to all school room employments.

The general appearance of the school whenever visited, was more like that of an industrious and affectionate family, than of

ordinary schools; in government, the requirements of the teacher were observed, not through fear of punishment but from the high appreciation, esteem and confidence that the pupils entertained for her.

In reading, the teacher required the pupils in their preparation, to study to understand—so far as they were able—the subject to be read, and be able if called upon, to state their meaning in their own words, and also to read with such expression as would convey a clear idea of the writer's intention. The primary object of the teacher in the line of reading was to inspire in the minds of her pupils a genuine love for good literature—a most commendable object.

To give in detail the work accomplished by the various classes in all of their different lines of work, would be too lengthy for a report of this nature.

As this is the largest ungraded school in town, it has of necessity a larger list of subjects, and a larger number of classes, in its daily curriculum. Such being the case, it is a matter of special commendation that Miss Hill was able, by wise planning, to give her pupils from the youngest to the oldest such good courses in literature, drawing and nature work,—subjects which the best educators of the day unite in declaring to be most necessary in the rational education of the child, but which too often from supposed lack of time are not included in the work of the ungraded school,—Miss Hill realized the responsibility of opening up to the child the best there is in story and song.

The entire school studied the life of Bryant, learned his "Melancholy Days," "To a Waterfowl," "The Stormy March," "Summer Wind," "Glades of Nature," and "Death of Flowers," also Lowell's "First Snowfall," Byron's "Night Before Waterloo," Tennyson's "Brook," Emerson's "Concord Hymn," Whittier's "Barbara Frietchie," and Alice Carey's "Faded Leaves."

In *drawing*, the first and second classes copied units of Greek and Roman Art, landscape painting with ink, color work with crayons; third, fourth and fifth classes lessons in color, tints and shades of red and green, ink painting and pictures from imagination.

Nature work; studied plant life in lower grades; the entire school studied butterflies and moths, beginning with the caterpillar, watching and studying it in its different stages of development, made a collection of fifteen varieties of caterpillars and chrysalids and are now awaiting their further development; studied ferns, names of parts and method of reproduction, made a collection of six varieties of the native ferns for their school fernery.

The work of the school in its entirety, to be fully appreciated should have been made familiar by a personal inspection of it, while carried on under the vigilant care and attention of its teacher.

No one study was pursued to the neglect of another, but all of the prescribed studies received their appropriate attention, that of Latin being added to those of the first class.

As to how thoroughly and satisfactorily the work had been accomplished was made apparent to the committee during the examination, on Wednesday P. M. Dec. 20th, which, with all its pleasing features, was but a repetition of what transpired essentially every day—in its school work,—and left but little, if anything to be desired. It was a *fine* exhibit in quantity and quality—and reflected *great credit* upon the teacher and her pupils, saddened only by the knowledge, that with the close of the term, Miss Hill would close her connection with the school, with which she had been so long and successfully connected.

Not absent during the summer term:—Blanch D. Young, Alonzo Young, James A. Revaleon, Louis T. Lovett, M. Bessie Pembroke and A. Frances Pembroke. Fall term:—Lucy F. Cole, Alice F. and Frank S. Lovett, Alonzo Young, Eleanor Cole, Helen B. Charlton and Ruth F. Cole. Winter term:—Lucy F. and Ruth F. Cole, Helen B. Charlton, Eleanor Cole, Lewis G. Brock and Willis H. Raymond. During the entire year:—A. Royden Young and Nelson E. Powers.

Number of tardy marks during the year twenty-one.

Average per cent in daily attendance was 95.6.

CENTRE PRIMARY.

This school as its name implies is—in our system of education—the first in the order of time or development, hence of the first

importance, as upon the foundation here laid, will greatly depend the completeness and strength of the future mental superstructure to be reared. "Just as the twig is bent the tree is inclined," therefore the early school training and discipline of these young and plastic minds are considerations—in every educational system, that should receive the special care and attention of those having the general oversight of this early training.

With this consciousness of responsibility and believing that a personal knowledge and familiarity with the real wants and requirements of a school as well as the individual disposition and mental acquirements of its pupils must, to a certain extent, become known to a teacher, before the most efficient service can be made available in directing the affairs of school work—and that skill results from continued effort in any department of labor and in none is it more apparent than in that of the school room—the committee re-engaged Miss Ruth E. Gould of Hyde Park.

Her previous connection with the school, made it comparatively easy for her to enter intelligently upon her duties at the commencement of the year. At the beginning of the summer term the first class of seven pupils was transferred to the grammar department.

The school in the number of its pupils, outranked either of the other schools in town ; in age they ranged between five and ten years, the average was seven years and three months, from which it will be apparent that a large proportion of the teacher's time and attention must have been given to the simplest elementary school work, the successful prosecution of which,—in order to bring about satisfactory results—make very large drafts upon the patience, varied resources, common sense and tact of the teacher ; and we are pleased to report that these demands were well supplied in the person of Miss Gould, who seems especially adapted to this line of school work.

As in previous years in this school, free use was made of the blackboard in the reading, spelling and other exercises of the little ones, who began their first work in school. To interest and at the same time *instruct* such young pupils, the versatility of the

teacher is put to the test, in order that the work should not be regarded as irksome—judged by the enthusiastic manner in which the little ones entered into these exercises and the results attained, the teacher fully met the requirements.

The classes in number work and multiplication table accomplished a very satisfactory year's work; the class in mental arithmetic did more and better work in this branch than in the previous year. In geography the work was very largely oral with the exception of the first class in which the primary text-book was used, in the study of which, fair progress was made. The teacher was accustomed to give short talks to the whole school upon the framework of the body, food, drink, alcohol and its effect upon the human system, etc. Considerable attention was given to writing, in which—considering the age of the pupils—very good improvement was made.

The government of the school whenever visited, was good, and the apparent relations of the teacher to her pupils were of a pleasing character—calculated to inspire mutual confidence and respect—an atmosphere in which we should naturally expect progress and this was realized in the examination made on Thursday A. M. Dec. 21.

The reading of the several classes was—as a whole—quite good, that of the first class being somewhat defective in tone of voice and expression; position, attention and general appearance of the classes during the reading exercises, excellent. In number work the ground covered in the year's study was, as to quality, very satisfactory—it was thought that the class could have advanced a little faster, profitably. The first class gave a good showing of their work in mental, and the first three fundamental rules in written arithmetic. The spelling, as evidenced by the tests made in the several classes, was good. Singing by the entire school was—in the judgment of the committee—excellent, showing that the time given to this branch of school work had not been misimproved.

Comparing the work of the school, as shown by the examina-

tion, with that of the previous year, the consensus of opinion was, that a decided gain had been made.

Not absent during the summer term :—Ethel Perkins, Grace Perkins, Walter Wilder, Martha Perkins, Myron Clark, Alonzo Whiting, Raymond Tarr, Florence Whiting and Helen Tarr. Fall term :—Grace Perkins, Carrie Stanton, Mildred Perkins, Ruth Perkins, Florence Whiting, Myron Clark, Raymond Tarr, Alonzo Whiting and Robert Tarr. Winter term :—Ruth Perkins.

Number of tardy marks for the year was forty-nine.

Average per cent in daily attendance was 93.59.

CENTRE GRAMMAR.

The register of this school indicates that it was in charge of three teachers during the year. Changes so frequent are unfortunate, to say the least, for any school, even though each of its teachers should be equally good, since every teacher before she can begin her work intelligently must make herself acquainted with the wants of the school, the attainments and disposition of her pupils; hence, the more frequent the changes the greater the loss.

Miss Beulah Sanford, who taught the school the previous year, continued in charge through the winter term of 1899. During this time uninterrupted harmony existed between teacher and pupils. In the study and preparation of their lessons there was an apparent disposition on the part of some to rely altogether too much on the teacher for direct assistance instead of putting forth individual effort to overcome difficulties in their studies. This rendered the pupils less positive in their statements at the time of recitation.

At the close of the school in March Miss Sanford resigned, and the vacancy was filled by the appointment of Miss Harriet C. Beattie of Salem, Mass. This appointment was not made hastily, but only after very careful inquiry and investigation. Miss Beattie *was not* an applicant for the position, but having been very highly recommended as a teacher and disciplinarian, was sought by the committee after they had made very diligent inquiry in regard to

her success in other places where she had taught, in all of which the report was none other than the most favorable. Miss Beattie is a woman of excellent natural and acquired ability, thoroughly qualified for the intellectual work of the school room. She entered upon her work in this school April 3.

In visiting the school soon after its commencement it was at once evident that the teacher was no stranger to its requirements. The method of instruction was clear and scholarly, comprehensive in range, and thoroughly adapted to give a clear insight into the subject taught. The government was of a positive type, that calculated to secure implicit obedience. We were favorably impressed with the appearance and work of the school, and felt that it was starting out under very favorable conditions. Subsequent inspection of the routine work confirmed this impression. Unhesitating obedience, thoroughness and critical accuracy in every thing pertaining to school work, were here the rule, and this of necessity as a result of the teacher's own character and mental habits. In observing the working of the school and appreciating the excellent quality of the work, and the thoroughness with which it was done, it was nevertheless apparent that there was a lack of that mutual pleasant relation and respect between teacher and pupils that should exist in order that the best results in school work may be attained. Miss Beattie was sensible of this strained relation and was unwilling to continue her labors, and soon after the close of the summer term closed her connertion with the school. Average per cent of daily attendance for the summer term was 89.8; number of tardy marks during the term was seventy-four!

The committee was very much disappointed in finding themselves again without a teacher for this department, and again they were made anxious, not on the ground that there were not applicants for the position, but that a teacher thoroughly fitted in natural ability, tact and educational qualification, for the important and responsible situation, might be obtained.

After very carefully considering the necessities of the position to be filled, the committee felt that the wants of the school in its

entirety could be met in no appointment they could make, so satisfactorily, as by securing the services of one of its former tried and approved teachers. With this conviction the committee conferred with Mrs. Grace R. Gould, and urged her acceptance of the position. After considering the matter for some time she notified them that she would accept, greatly to their gratification, as they believed the very best disposition of the situation had been effected. Mrs. Gould entered upon her duties at the commencement of the fall term, Sept. 5th.

Mrs. Gould as a teacher needs no formal introduction to the patrons of this school or to the citizens of Wenham, she having previously had charge of this department for nearly five years. Though some time had intervened since she had charge of the work, she very readily familiarized herself with its condition as to its classification, etc., so that the real work of the school was soon in smooth running condition. The supervision of the work indicated a harmony of interests on the part of teacher and pupils that fore-shadowed desirable results. The government was of a nature to command the obedience and respect of the governed. The interest of the pupils in their school work, judged by their improvement in punctuality—and regularity when compared with the previous term was most gratifying.

Average percent in daily attendance for the fall term was 96.2, number of tardy marks for the fall term was 34. This respect to the authority of the teacher and interest in school work continued through the school year.

The examination at the close of the year, made on Thursday P. M., Dec. 21st, developed very fully, not only the nature but the quality and scope of the work done, and that it had been well done was made very apparent from tests applied in the various studies In hygiene the pupils were prompt and their answers correct, showing a good knowledge of the subjects studied : in mental arithmetic, the reasoning, explanation and conclusions were correctly and clearly given. In reading, fair progress was noticeable, in a few instances there was a fault in regard to tone of voice and distinct articulation. In the examination of the classes in geography and

history the pupils were very prompt in giving their answers which were generally correct. In written arithmetic, definitions and principles were thoroughly memorized, the work of the pupils upon the blackboard in applying those principles to practical examples gave ample proof of a clear understanding of this branch of work. In music, the school gave an excellent exhibit of what had been accomplished in this line of study, during the year. The writing books and specimens of drawing, indicated care, interest and improvement in these branches of study. Some of the classes were necessarily omitted for want of time.

A marked feature of the examination was the dispatch with which the teacher conducted the exercises and the promptness of the pupils in responding to the demands made upon them.

Not absent during the summer term :—Roland H. Patch. Fall term :—Carrie E. Lord, Rose E. Rollins, Alice M. Cook, Charles T. Quimby and Harriet B. Fulsom. Winter term :—Edith Alley, Florence Alley, Mercy G. Abbott and Carrie E. Lord. During the entire year :—Charles T. Quimby, Randolph A. Dodge and Melvina A. Stanton.

Average per cent in daily attendance for the year was 92.44, the number of tardy marks for the entire year was 114.

WEST SCHOOL.

The continued services of the same teacher in this school for nearly five consecutive years, precludes the necessity of an introduction of Miss Rose A. Manning to the citizens of the town, much less to the patrons of the school. Service, so long continued, so conscientiously and efficiently rendered, can receive no better commendation than that which comes from a continuous engagement of such service.

The pupils, who have enjoyed the advantages that come from such service, have, during the past five years, shown steady, constant and progressive mental development, that has admirably reflected the character, thoroughness and scope of the instruction and discipline.

The history of the school during the year just closed, does not

differ essentially, in the discipline, routine work, and government from that of the preceding four years, otherwise than in the scope of the work which has been greatly enlarged and a stronger, more clearly marked intellectual development made.

The general supervision of its work through the year has been a source of gratification, as on these occasions, evidences of care and neatness not only as regards the school room but also the school yard; the quiet orderly manner of the pupils in passing to and from their recitations, the usually well prepared lessons, the thorough and exhaustive method in which the recitations were conducted by the teacher. That mental growth was stimulated and developed were made unmistakably apparent, conveying to the minds of the visitors the pleasing idea that the school, in its every day work, was rendering a full equivalent to the town for the opportunities and advantages provided, not in dollars and cents, but in the acquisition of that knowledge and that formation of character that will be a fitting preparation for the duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

The order was invariably good, and at the same time the teacher shared the full respect of her pupils, and—so far is known—the confidence and co-operation of all the patrons and friends of the school. It was evident that there was a steady increase of interest from the commencement of the school year to its close.

The attendance was excellent; the average daily attendance, as shown by the register, was for the summer term 98.5 per cent, a grand record—alike creditable to the teacher for the interest inspired, and to the pupils for their generous co-operation. Under such conditions, when the teacher brings to her position a conscientious regard for the progress of her pupils, progress is reasonably assured.

In reading, attention was given to securing clear and distinct articulation, correct emphasis and expression. The work in mental arithmetic was critical and thorough, as evidenced by the prompt, clear and logical reasoning of the pupils, and we note with pleasure the increased attention that has been given to this study during the past three years, followed by excellent returns in

developing the reasoning powers of the pupils. In physiology, the work included the study of the bones, muscles, joints, the skin, blood, digestion, respiration and the nervous system, in which a good showing was made, whenever tests were applied during the year. In literature, the first class studied Shakespeare, Whittier, Longfellow, Holmes, Lowell and Jackson, also the life of Rosa Bonheur and some of her works; nature work and drawing in all of the classes. The work done in literature, drawing and nature study, and the results realized in each, furnished convincing evidence that from the increased attention given to them a new interest was awakened in school room employment; this was apparent through the year.

From the examination of the school, made on Friday A. M., Dec. 22d, the thoroughness and completeness of the work shown more than realized the expectations that had been raised at the beginning of the school year. The pupils in reading, from the beginners to those more advanced, gave a good account of their efforts in this branch of their work; the spelling in all of the classes was commendable. The examination of the classes in written arithmetic showed clearly that principles had been fixed in the mind *only* as they had been understood, and not simply *lodged* there by the power of memory; the same may be said with equal force of the pupils in the study of technical grammar. In history, during the year the first class reviewed the entire text book; second class studied periods of colonization, confederation, revolution, and through the Mexican War; third class, Child's History, from beginning through War of 1812. The examination of each of the classes in this study gave excellent satisfaction as to definiteness and thoroughness of the pupils' knowledge in the work of the year. In geography, in which much has been done, the pupils revealed a very familiar acquaintance with the subjects and countries upon which they are tested. In music, the excellent work of the previous year was continued and substantial progress made, as indicated by the exhibit given. Writing books and drawings were specimens of neatness, care and progress—

execution excellent. For want of time some of the classes were not examined.

The results revealed by the examination unmistakably show that the school, in its entire work in the past year, merits the confidence and commendation of its patrons and also of the citizens of the town, for the excellent return it has made for the advantages furnished.

Not absent during the summer term :—Ruth E. Bowden, Curtland C. Brown, Edmund G. Haskell, Blanch E. Herrick, Jennie J. Herrick, George G. Hodgdon, Maud M. Hill, Bertha M. Randall, Horace J. Sears, James W. Sears, Jesse E. Wilson and Pearl S. Wilson. Fall term : Alden W. Batchelder. Winter term : Alden W. Batchelder, Curtland C. Brown, Arthur Cook, Ethel V. Cook, Edmund G. Haskell, Blanch E. Herrick, Jennie J. Herrick, George G. Hodgdon, George F. Sears, Horace J. Sears. Florence L. Rich, Jesse E. Wilson and Pearl S. Wilson During the year : Roscoe B. Batchelder and Ida M. Cook.

Average per cent in daily attendance for the year was 98. Number of tardy marks during the year was forty-six

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School Committee of Wenham.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM, MASS.,

For the Year Ending January 31,

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

To The Citizens of Wenham:

The Fifteenth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library, for the year ending January 31, 1900, is herewith presented, as required by the Statutes of the State of Massachusetts.

The following named persons constitute the present Board of Trustees:—

Henry A. Moulton,	term expires,		March,	1900.
Elbridge Porter,	"	"	"	1900.
Charles H. Stanton,	"	"	"	1900.
Frank H. Tarr,	"	"	"	1900.
Frederick F. Abbott,	"	"	"	1901.
Benjamin H. Conant,	"	"	"	1902.

The organization of the Board remains the same as for the past ten years, viz:—Elbridge Porter, Chairman; Benj. H. Conant, Secretary.

It will be remembered that at the annual town meeting in 1898, it was voted that after the annual town meeting in the year 1900, the Board of Trustees of the Public Library should consist of three members, instead of six, as had been the custom for several years previously.

A glance at the above list of trustees will show that the terms of four of the six present members will expire March, 1900, the two remaining members having one and two years respectively to serve. The election the present year, of one member for three

years will complete the board according to the new arrangement.

It is now fifteen years since the Wenham Library Association presented to the town its collection of books and fixtures as the nucleus of a Free Public Library. During this period the Library has increased from less than 700 to more than 3300 volumes, or very nearly five-fold. Since 1893, when the present method of administration was adopted, over 500 different individuals have made use of the Library, a considerable number of them continuously. The circulation of books during the past year has been the largest in any one year since the Library has been established, and will compare favorably in proportion to population, with libraries in the larger cities and towns.

During the past year the Library has been open for exchange of books every Wednesday afternoon from three to four o'clock, in addition to the regular evening opening. This was begun as an experiment, in order to relieve the rush in the evening, and also to afford the school children an opportunity to exchange their books without the necessity or excuse of being out in the evening, when they had much better be in their homes. A considerable number of them, and also of the older people, have availed themselves of this opportunity of attending to their library business, insomuch that on some days the largest part of the work has been done in the afternoon.

Frequent applications for books and information upon special subjects have been received at the Library from the teacher of the Grammar school and others, especially from those of our young people who are attending school out of town. These inquirers have always been given a cordial welcome, and every effort within our power to supply the desired information has been freely made.

As in former years, the trustees have endeavored to carry on the work of the Library as economically as possible, the entire administrative service having been rendered gratuitously, thus making a very large percentage of the town's appropriation available for the purchase of new books.

As was intimated in the report of last year, there is in the book market a vast quantity of reading matter which is of very

little value, either from an educational or ethical standpoint. Of this class of books we trust very few, if any, have been found among those purchased for the Library during the past year ; while we feel quite confident that there are many which will prove to be of permanent value and interest, both to the student and to the ordinary reader. For the convenience of the readers a bulletin of the new books was printed and circulated early in the year.

In making our selections we have been governed to some extent by the reviews and criticisms which have appeared from time to time in the most reputable periodicals of the day, and judging by the constant demand for the new books we draw the inference that they are giving general satisfaction.

The young people appear to have been particularly well pleased with the books which have been provided for their especial benefit. The boys and girls of our town form a very important part of the constituency of the Library, and if by furnishing them with plenty of good, clean, wholesome literature they can be kept away from the cheap, "penny dreadful" and silly sensational trash which floods the market, the Library will have accomplished at least one of the objects for which it is maintained.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

Donations of books, pamphlets and other miscellaneous matter have been received at frequent intervals during the year. The Library has this year been especially favored in respect to gifts of magazines. Mrs. Gideon B. Moore, on removing to Beverly, gave the Library several volumes of U. S. and State Public Documents and other miscellaneous books, and also a large lot of Harper's Magazines, covering more or less completely the period from 1854 to 1872. (To complete this series will require the addition of some fifty odd numbers.) A little later in the season Mr. Oscar Hosmer presented the Library with a very fine collection of Harper's and Century Magazines, covering about fifteen consecutive years, from 1883 to 1897. This lot was complete and in as perfect condition as though right off the press. Other donations of various magazines have been received from Mrs. Fred F. Abbott, Mr. William P. Kimball, Dr. P. T. Woods and others.

The trustees are desirous of securing for the Library complete sets of these various magazines, and would respectfully solicit contributions (either large or small) to this end, from any who may have in their possession material of this character which they do not care particularly to preserve. Much material of this kind is often allowed to go to waste, which if collected, sorted and bound would be a valuable acquisition to any library.

Thanks are hereby tendered to each and every one who has during the past year contributed in any way to the greater efficiency of our Public Library.

A detailed list of the various donations to the Library during the year may be found in the table of statistics appended.

CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

It gives us pleasure to be able to say that since the Library was re-arranged and re-catalogued in 1893, not a single volume has been lost. Of course, during this time there has been a continual wear and tear going on, and although a large number of the books have from time to time been rebound or otherwise repaired, there is at the present time, particularly in the fiction and juvenile classes, a large number which are in a more or less dilapidated condition. It has been our custom in previous reports, to remind the readers that a more careful handling of the books would greatly prolong their usefulness, and save a great deal of needless expense for repairs. In many of the larger libraries book marks are issued to the readers, especially among the children, setting forth the need of careful usage, and giving rules for the better care of the books. A book on library economy recently published by the Library Bureau, in a chapter on "The Care of Books," truly says:—"The worst enemies of books are careless people," and then goes on to give suggestions as to the proper usage of books. Such of the following hints on the care of books as are in quotation marks are taken from this book. The remainder are our own suggestions:—

"Keep books dry." "Do not handle them when the hands are moist, of course *never* when the hands are soiled." "Use them to read and for nothing else." "Never mark in them, or turn

down the corners of the leaves." Use your library card (never anything thicker) for a book mark. "Do not lay them face downward." "Do not strap them up tightly." It is much better to provide a suitable satchel to carry them in. Be sure always to protect them from the weather when going to the Library on stormy days. "Never let them fall." "Open them gently," especially if the binding is a little stiff, and *never under any circumstances whatever*, bend the covers back, or hold the book by one of its covers. Do not forget that there is a limit to the strength of the binding, and that a book with a broken back is on the broad road toward speedy destruction. Heavy volumes should always rest upon a table or other firm support while in use. Holding them in the hands is liable to subject the binding to a greater strain than it is able to bear. Doubtless a large majority of the people who use the Library prefer to have the books delivered to them clean and in good condition, and dislike to receive and be obliged to handle those which are much soiled, broken or otherwise defaced. "Remember the book *you* are reading will go to others. Pass it on to them neat and clean, hoping they will do the same by you."

We hope no one will infer from these remarks that we do not want the books used. The books are here for use, and the more widely they are used, the better; but, let them be used in a proper manner, not abused. The fact that they are public property does not confer upon any one either the right or the privilege of misusing or abusing them. Public property of every description ought always to be treated with respect, and with due consideration for the rights and privileges of others. Books taken from the Public Library are just as really borrowed books as if they were the property of a private individual, and are entitled to be treated with the same degree of respect and care. The younger readers in particular, should be instructed to be very careful in their use of the books which they borrow from the Library, and the older people would also do well if they would always set them a good example in this respect.

Of course it is expected that books in constant use will suffer a reasonable amount of wear, nevertheless we believe that fully

nine tenths of the actual damage done, is the direct result of careless handling, which might and ought to be avoided.

If each and every one of the patrons of the Library would keep the foregoing hints on the care of books in mind, and abide by them, we have no doubt the books might be kept in serviceable condition at least ten times as long as with the rough usage they too frequently receive. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY.

The old problem of providing room for the growth of the Library is still before us, although the addition of a large bookcase this last year, has given temporary relief. At the rate the Library has increased for the last few years, the extreme limit of its present quarters will be reached within two years at the furthest. We believe the time has now fully come when steps should be taken looking toward the erection of a suitable Library building, with accommodations for at least 10,000 volumes, reading and reference rooms, etc. With such a building the town of Wenham would have a first class Library equipment for many years to come.

Another matter that should receive immediate attention is that of insurance. We have been told that when the old policy expired, it was not renewed, and that there has been no insurance on the Library for several years. We hope the town will take immediate action in this matter, and see to it that the Library is suitably insured.

In view of the large amount of binding which it is desirable should be done at once, in order to put the books in good serviceable condition, the trustees would recommend that a sum not less than $200 be appropriated for the maintenance of the Library for the ensuing year.

STATISTICS OF THE LIBRARY.

For the Year ending January 31, 1900.

CIRCULATION.

Days on which the Library has been open for delivery of books,	48
Volumes lent at Central Library,	3,720
" " East Wenham Branch,	378

Total number Volumes lent,	4,098
Volumes renewed,	256
Average weekly delivery,	83+
Largest " " Jan. 31, 1900,	126
Smallest " " Feb. 8, 1899,	30
Volumes lost,	0
Different individuals who have taken books during the year,	256
New names added during the year,	50
Whole number of different individuals who have taken books since the present system of administration has been in use, (1893),	505

CLASSIFICATION AND USE.

	Volumes catalogued Jan. 31, 1899.	Volumes added	Volumes catalogued Jan. 31, 1900.	Volumes lent at Central Library	Volumes lent at East Wenham Branch	Whole number Volumes lent	Per cent of circulation
History,	291	22	313	148	18	166	
Biography.	237	7	244	49	7	56	
Travel and Descriptive,	184	14	198	154	7	161	
Science and Agriculture,	139	6	145	35	10	45	
Poetry and Drama,	47	0	47	18	0	18	
Religion,	75	3	78	17	2	19	
Essays and Miscellaneous,	221	17	238	142	0	142	
Totals, other than Fiction,	1194	69	1263	563	44	607	14.81
Fiction,	1223	94	1317	3157	334	3491	85.19
Totals, including Fiction,	2417	163	2580	3720	378	4098	100.00

ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

	Catalogued.	Not Catalogued.	Total.
Volumes in Library Jan. 31, 1899,	2,417	713	3,130
" added by purchase,	160	0	160
" " donation,	3	43	46
" in Library Jan. 31, 1900,	2,580	756	3,336

Pamphlets in Library Jan. 31, 1899,	504
" added by donation,	49
" in Library Jan. 31, 1900,	553

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Periodicals Etc.
Abbott, Fred F., Wenham,		1	15 numbers
Atkinson, Edward, Brookline, Mass.		4	
Chase, Walter G., Boston,		1	
Cook, Chester C.. Danvers, Mass.			12 numbers
Dodge, Richard E., New York,			10 "
Hosmer, Oscar, Wenham,			365 "
Humboldt Library of Science, New York,		1	
Kimball, William P., Wenham,			145 numbers
Knowlton, Eben F., New York,	1		
Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration.		1	
Lowell Textile School, Lowell, Mass.		1	
Mass. Agricultural College, Hatch Experiment Station, Amherst,	1	13	
Mass. Sec'y Commonwealth, Boston,	22	1	
" Soldier's Home, Chelsea, Mass.		1	
" State Library, Boston,	1	1	
" Total Abstinence Society, Boston,		2	
" Trustees Public Reservations, Boston,		1	
" Volunteer Aid Association, Boston,	1		
Moody, Hon. Wm. H., Washington, D. C.	1	2	Cong. Record
Moore, Mrs. Gideon B., Beverly, Mass.	17		168 numbers
Perkins, N. Porter, Wenham,	1		
Pool, Wellington, Wenham,		1	Miscellaneous Matter.
Salem, Mass., Public Library,		2	
" " Water Board,		1	
Tabor Academy, Marion, Mass.,		1	
United States Government Publications.			
Bureau of American Republics,			12 numbers
Bureau of Education,	1		

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Periodicals Etc.
United States Government Publications.			
Bureau of Foreign Commerce,	3	12	12 numbers
Civil Service Commission,	1		
Dept. of Agriculture,		5	
Interstate Commerce Commission,	1		
Naval War Records Office,	1		
Smithsonian Institution,	2		
" " National Museum,	2		
Wenham-Hamilton Star, Publishers,			1 subscrip'n
Wenham, Town of		1	
Woods, Dr. P. T., Salem, Mass.			18 numbers
	56	53	
Duplicates, not included in accession report,	10	4	
Gifts to the Library not including duplicates,	46	49	

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

For the Year Ending January 13, 1900.

Unexpended balance with Town Treasurer, Jan. 31, 1899,		$ 19 79
Balance on catalogue account uncalled for,		3 25
Town appropriation, March, 1899,		150 00
Received for fines and cards,		6 94
Total receipts,		$ 179 98

EXPENDITURES.

Expense of Trustees to Boston,	$ 5 85
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books, (152 volumes),	124 76
Benj. H. Conant, " 8 "	4 09
American Express,	1 40
Beverly Citizen, printing bulletins,	4 00
Charles F. Elliott, book case,	21 31
Benj. H. Conant, magazines,	13 00
" " Librarian's Record, 2 years,	1 00
" " Book supports,	1 08
" " Postage and other incidentals,	1 83
Total expenditures,	$ 178 32

Unexpended balance with Town Treas., Jan. 31, 1900,		$ 1 66
Feb. 8, 1900. Paid W. F. Trowt, Town Treasurer, the amount received for fines and cards to Jan. 31, 1900,		$ 6 94
Uncalled for balance on catalogue account,		3 25
		$ 10 19

EDWIN D. HAWKINS FUND.

Amount of Mr. Hawkins' legacy received 1897,		$125 00
Deposited in Beverly Savings Bank, Oct., 1897,		100 00
Appropriated for purchase of books,	$ 25 00	
Accrued interest on deposit to Oct., 1899,	7 97	
	$ 32 97	
Expended for books, (15 vols.) previous to Jan. 31, 1900,	23 55	
Balance available Jan. 31, 1900,		$ 9 42

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. H. CONANT,

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Wenham Public Library.

TOWN OF WENHAM.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

1900 --- 1901.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

FOR THE

Year Ending February 14, 1901.

Report of the School Committee

For the Year Ending December 31, 1900,

AND THE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of the Public Library.

BEVERLY, MASS.
Printed at the Citizen Office,
1901.

REPORT.

Town Officers for the Year 1900-1901.

Moderator—Horace E. Durgin.

Town Clerk—Wellington Pool.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Fence Viewers—N. P. Perkins, R. F. Dodge, H. W. Porter.

Town Treasurer—H. E. Durgin.

Collector of Taxes—F. P. Stanton.

Auditor—Otis D. Brewer.

School Committee—Elbridge Porter, 1901; F. M. Dodge, 1902. July 1, 1900, George V. Bowdoin was appointed to fill a vacancy till the Annual Town Meeting.

Constables—Charles H. McQueeny, Henry Alley, Henry A. Moulton, 2d.

Special Police—Charles H. McQueeny, chief; Henry Alley, Henry A. Moulton, 2d.

Trustees of Public Library—F. H. Abbott, 1901; B. H. Conant, 1902; Henry A. Moulton, 1903.

Board of Health—Henry Alley, 1901; Ivory Quinby, 1902; Chester S. Cook, 1903.

Commissioners of Cemeteries—S. K. Evans, 1901; F. H. Tarr, 1902; Warren Jones, 1903.

Surveyors of Highways — Ward 1, Addison Williams; ward 2, R. F. Dodge; ward 3, Charles Wilkins; ward 4, A. M.

Harrigan; ward 5, F. H. Tarr; ward 6, D. A. Homan; ward 7, Stephen Cook; ward 8, E. L. Kimball; ward 9, Charles W. Perkins.

Tree Warden—T. C. Lyford.

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark—J. K. Dodge, R. F. Dodge, A. D. Prince, Isaac Porter, J. H. Perkins.

Sealers of Weights and Measures—J. H. Perkins.

Town Weighers—W. F. Trowt, J. K. Dodge, Wm. P. Dodge.

Pound Keeper—Fred S. Knowlton.

Firewards and Forest Firewards—F. H. Tarr, H. E. Durgin, L. S. Lord, F. P. Stanton, J. B. Pickett, D. A. Homan, Simeon Dodge, L. F. Hodgdon, E. F. Stanley, Addison Williams.

Keeper of Lockup and Tramps—John C. Richards.

School Department.

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid Florence E. Dodge, teaching balance of winter term, 1900,		$ 48 00
" " " Spring term,		96 00
" " " Fall term,		96 00
" " " part of winter term, 1901,		48 00
Clara E. Williams, care of room and fires,		10 00
John K. Dodge, wood,		18 00
		$ 316 00

NECK SCHOOL.

Paid Altai M. Hill,	teaching	balance of winter term, 1900,	$ 40 00
H. Margaret Gidney,	"	Spring term,	108 00
M. L. Parmenter,	"	Fall term,	108 00
" "	"	part of winter term, 1901,	63 00
Charles Wilkins, wood,			22 50
Lucy F. Cole, care of rooms and fires,			12 00
Alice F. Lovett,	" "	one term,	4 00
			$ 357 50

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Paid Ruth E. Gould,	teaching	balance of winter term, 1900,	$ 30 00
" "	"	Spring term,	120 00
" "	"	Fall term,	110 00
" "	"	part of winter term, 1901,	70 00
James Fairfield, coal,			11 50
W. Pool, sweeping room and care of fires,			18 25
John C. Sauer, coal,			5 57
			$ 365 32

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid Grace H. Gould,	teaching	balance of winter term, 1900,	$ 101 25
" "	"	Spring term,	135 00
" "	"	Fall term,	135 00
" "	"	part of winter term, 1901,	33 75
Elbridge Porter,	care of rooms,		6 50
Nora Abbott,	" "		8 50

Paid Mrs. Geo. W. Landers, care of rooms,		$ 3 50
W. Pool, care of fires,		15 00
J. C. Sauer, 7 tons of coal,		37 50
		$ 476 00

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Rose A. Manning, teaching balance of winter term, 1900,		$ 40 00
" " " Spring term,		120 00
" " " Fall term,		120 00
" " " part of winter term, 1901,		70 00
Wm. B. Morgan, wood,		7 00
J. W. Cass, janitor, services and repairs,		10 90
John Girdler, coal,		7 00
John C. Sauer, "		5 50
		$ 380 40

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Paid Clara E. Williams, cash paid for broom, East school,	$ 35
Elbridge Porter, care of out buildings, Grammar school,	2 00
Wm. B. Morgan, repairs and supplies, West school,	2 64
S. C. Prince, teaching singing in the schools,	126 00
J. E. Ropes & Co., repairs and supplies, West school,	7 00
J. M. Case & Co., five wall maps,	6 25
Brown & Emilio, two pitch pipes (Mrs. G. H. Perkins),	1 00
J. L. Hammett Co., books and supplies,	28 11
American Book Co., " "	14 72
H. M. Bixby & Co., paper and moulding, Neck school,	3 25

Paid	G. H. Woodbury, whitewashing, Neck school,	$ 2 50
	Edward E. Babb & Co., musical supplies (Mrs. G. H. Perkins),	1 15
	John K. Dodge, cash paid for stove and repairs, East school,	18 60
	E. A. Lane, painting and papering at Neck school (contract),	16 25
	Chas. F. Elliott, stock and labor, shingling West school house,	54 32
	F. M. Dodge, cash paid for supplies,	16 50
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, brooms, pails, etc.,	3 05
	J. L. Hammett Co., supplies,	4 80
	Boston School Supply Co., books and supplies,	14 40
		$ 322 89

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Paid	City of Salem, tuition from June 1, 1900, to June 1, 1901, for	
	Ralph W. Perkins,	$ 50 00
	Alice B. Dodge,	50 00
	Marion P. Dodge,	50 00
	Jennie M. Lovett,	50 00
	Alice W. Patch,	50 00
	Lucy P. Cole,	50 00
	Laura A. Sargent,	50 00
		$ 350 00

Highway Department.

WARD ONE

Paid	Addison Williams,	$ 16 56
	H. D. Stillman,	39 60
	B. F. Hawkins,	5 40

Paid W. H. Beck,		$ 3 60
J. W. Higgins,		3 60
B. F. Burchsted,		2 60
D. W. Preston,		8 82
Mrs. Ira D. Batchelder,	gravel,	7 40
S. M. Hill,	road machine,	15 84
C. S. Cook,	" "	3 60
		$ 107 02

WARD TWO

Paid R. F. Dodge,		$ 13 70
" "	143 loads of gravel,	14 30
" "	cedar posts,	3 00
T. F. Johnson,		12 79
Ephraim Power,		7 60
F. S. Lovett,		20 72
Chas. H. Abbott,		56 72
" "	road machine,	15 64
F. H. Tarr,		5 04
		$ 149 51

WARD THREE

Paid Charles Wilkins,		$ 51 23
S. R. Prince Co.,		28 78
E. B. Cole,		31 16
Zachariah Cole,		18 48
F. M. Dodge,	labor on bridges and for cover stone,	14 60
Chas. Wilkins,	" "	13 37
" "	259 loads of gravel,	25 90
Chas. H. Abbott,	road machines,	9 72
		$ 193 24

WARD FOUR

Paid	A. M. Harrigan,	$ 35 59
	Irving L. Burnham,	6 60
	F. H. Tarr,	2 50
	S. M. Hill, road machine,	15 84
	C. S. Cook, " "	3 60
	Salem Water Board, 64 loads of gravel,	6 40
	Charles Wilkins, 24 " "	1 20
	A. M. Harrigan, labor on sidewalks,	10 50
	F. A. Stanley, gravel for "	1 20
		$ 83 43

WARD FIVE

Paid	Frank H. Tarr,	$ 101 78
	" " balance for 1899,	37 58
	Elbridge Porter,	17 64
	Wm. T. Tucker,	19 20
	George W. Jones,	22 00
	S. M. Hill,	19 26
	John Williams	11 00
	John Caves	10 00
	Taylor C. Lyford,	22 50
	T. W. Batchelder,	80
	E. Nelson Porter,	60
	Fred F. Porter, 1899,	3 60
	A. M. Harrigan,	7 30
	Warren Jones,	23 00
	C. H. Abbott,	10 08
	Chas. W. Perkins,	6 02
	" " gravel, 1899,	7 40
	F. A. Stanley, " and labor,	15 30
	E. A. A. Raymond, "	4 20
	H. R. Merrill,	16 10
	D. A. Homan,	2 80

Paid J. F. Batchelder,		$ 16 48
E. K. Batchelder,		80
		$ 375 44

NOTE—Of the above amount $125.08 was expended on sidewalks.

WARD SIX

Paid Daniel A. Homan,		$ 21 50
John Caves,		13 60
Warren Jones,		12 80
S. M. Knowlton,		10 08
George E. Homan,		11 80
Taylor C. Lyford,		3 80
S. M. Hill,		18 58
Henry A. Cook,		3 60
George W. Jones,		26 76
Thomas M. Barnes,		7 03
F. H. Tarr,		2 70
H. R. Merrill,		15 30
E. K. Batchelder,		9 20
Frank A. Stanley,	gravel and labor,	33 25
Mrs. James T. Brown,	"	3 20
Joseph Marshall,		6 72
		$ 199 92

NOTE—Of the above amount $38.30 was expended on sidewalks.

WARD SEVEN

Paid Stephen Cook,		$ 33 40
C. S. Cook,		41 23
H. G. Sears,		8 20
J. W. L. Moulton,		6 60
Samuel S. Cook,		8 00

Paid	Henry A. Moulton, 2d,	$ 10 06
	Alva M. Hill,	7 20
	J. Frank Crockett,	12 10
	George W. Peabody,	6 50
	Joseph F. Kent,	6 90
	George W. Wilson,	8 01
	L. F. Hodgdon,	10 24
	A. D. Flewelling,	3 50
	S. M. Hill, road machine,	34 37
	George E. Hodgdon,	1 30
	Otis Alley,	10 10
	James McKean,	3 80
	N. P. Perkins,	10 84
	Perley N. Dodge,	3 90
	E. K. Standley,	3 90
		$ 230 15

WARD EIGHT

Paid	E. L. Kimball,	$ 22 95
	J. Sumner Brown,	25 20
	Chas. E. Kimball,	10 80
	Chas. H. Stanton,	10 80
	Chas. F. Herrick,	7 00
	S. M. Hill, road machine,	5 40
	Mrs. James T. Brown, gravel,	8 20
	L. E. Libby, "	2 50
	J. Sumner Brown, labor and gravel, 1899,	5 91
		$ 98 76

WARD NINE

Paid	John Williams,	$ 4 80
	Taylor C. Lyford,	2 80
	George W. Jones,	1 00
	Chas. W. Perkins,	62 39

Chas. Alexander,	5 40
Ira F. Trowt,	9 10
J. R. Sargent,	13 44
Michael Sullivan,	7 84
" " 1899,	5 04
	$ 111 81

NOTE—Of the above amount $11.70 was expended on sidewalks.

Snow Department.

WARD TWO

Paid R. F. Dodge,	$ 1 20
F. T. Johnson,	3 60
Ephraim Power,	2 40
F. S. Lovett,	2 40
A. L. Norcross,	1 30
	$ 10 90

WARD THREE

Paid Chas. Wilkins,	$ 2 51
E. B. Cole,	1 41
Alonzo Young,	1 80
S. R. Prince Co.,	80
Austin Corning,	1 60
	$ 8 12

WARD FOUR

Paid W. P. Dodge,	$ 1 40
Ernest Eaton,	1 00
Irving L. Burnham,	2 00
A. M. Harrigan,	2 80
	$ 7 20

WARD FIVE

Paid	Frank H. Tarr,	$ 8 40
	John Williams,	3 00
	Elbridge Porter,	4 40
	Fred F. Porter,	1 90
	Harry Pulsifer,	1 70
	Wm. T. Tucker,	5 00
	Aleck White,	1 40
	G. W. Jones,	1 60
	S. M. Hill,	3 60
	A. M. Harrigan,	70
		$ 31 70

WARD SIX

Paid	D. A. Homan,	$ 3 20
	Warren Jones,	2 00
	Levi S. Lord,	1 00
	John Caves,	1 40
	H. R. Merrill,	1 20
	H. A. Cook,	1 80
	Eugene Guild,	1 20
	T. C. Lyford,	1 20
	Eben Stanley,	70
	Thomas Wakefield,	70
		$ 14 40

WARD SEVEN

Paid	E. K. Standley,	$ 80
	Stephen Cook,	5 40
	C. S. Cook,	6 60
	W. H. Andrews,	60
	S. S. Cook,	2 90
	Sidney S. Cook,	1 00
	George W. Wilson,	1 80
	Perley N. Dodge,	70

Paid H. A. Moulton, 2d,		$ 1 40
George G. Hodgdon,		1 40
N. P. Perkins,		1 20
George W. Peabody,		2 80
James Coy,		60
		$ 27 20

WARD EIGHT

Paid E. L. Kimball,		$ 1 30

WARD NINE

Paid I. F. Trask,		$ 5 40
C. W. Perkins,		3 80
M. Sullivan,		1 00
		$ 10 20

Extra Highway.

Paid S. E. McLauflin, labor and stock on Thompson's bridge,		$ 47 61
I. H. Trask, labor on guard railing Ward Nine,		12 25
C. W. Perkins, " " " "		5 20
F. E. Perkins, plank for drain Ward Five, 1899,		75
S. M. Hill, building wall opposite State highway adjoining Tarr estate;		22 00
J. F. Pope & Sons, lumber for railing, Thompson's bridge, and Ward Nine,		40 85
Elbridge Dodge, 47 cedar posts, Thompson's bridge, Ward One, and Ward Nine,		23 50
H. W. Porter, labor on guard railing, Thompson's bridge,		26 82
		$ 178 98

Walnut Street Grading and Macadam.

Paid	Chas. W. Perkins,	labor and team,	$ 58 50
	S. M. Hill,	" "	45 36
	Ira F. Trask,	"	34 20
	John Fogarty,	"	55 00
	Peter McSwiggen,	"	41 00
	Chas. Alexander,	"	18 20
	John Williams,	"	33 90
	Ipps Norwood,	"	21 40
	Charles S. Gwinn,	"	50 13
	Charles H. Abbott,	labor and team,	72 18
	Frank H. Tarr,	" "	112 44
	John Caves,	"	9 80
	E. B. Cole,	" "	17 46
	Wm. T. Tucker,	"	1 80
	E. L. Batchelder,	"	8 60
	Wm. Dundas,	"	1 20
	Frank Grant,	"	15 60
	H. R. Merrill,	"	8 60
	S. K. Evans,	"	9 00
	Taylor C. Lyford,	"	1 80
	G. H. Gibney, labor and use of watering cart,		32 00
	David A. Pettengail,	Superintendent,	79 90
	J. H. Dodge,	Engineer,	2 50
	Frank Barnes,	"	39 65
	John Girdler, coal for steam roller,		18 00
	George W. Fitz, use of water tank and pump, and repairs,		13 50
	David Pingree, gravel,		6 00
	O. G. Cilley, use of watering cart,		7 50
	A. E. Potter, pumping water,		10 00
	F. P. Stanton, lanterns and oil,		4 69
	H. W. Porter, cash paid for labor and material, etc.,		12 12
	Fred E. Ellis, 458 tons broken stone,		538 14
			$ 1380 17

Cost of reducing grade of the hill,	$ 282 94
" macadamizing 1666 square yards,	1039 73
" watering during July, August and September	57 50
	$ 1380 17

The necessary surveys were made, plans drawn and the use of steam roller granted without expense to the town, by the Massachusetts Highway Commission.

Poor Department.

Paid Wm. S. Harris, supplies delivered to Paul M. Barnes,	$ 30 00	
Shapley & Sinclair, supplies delivered to Paul M. Barnes,	* 44 00	
		74 00
J. H. Perkins, Jr, supplies delivered to Ipps Norwood,	2 50	
J. H. Perkins, Jr., medicine for J. L. Dodge,	1 45	
		3 95
City of Salem, supplies delivered to Mrs. Frank Tarrio,		24 70
Town of Hingham, supplies and rent furnished Mrs. Harry Williams,	144 48	
Funeral expenses for child,	15 00	
		159 48
Chas. M. Goodwin, board for Miss Mary Tuttle,		12 00
Total		$ 274 13

* NOTE—Of this amount $22 has been reimbursed to the town by T. M. and J. D. Barnes. [See Treasurer's report.]

Soldiers' Relief.

Paid Town of Peabody, soldiers relief for Mrs. C. C. Soper, 10 months,	$ 102 00
Town of Peabody, wood and coal,	27 40
Dr. Geo. C. Littlefield, medical attendance and medicine for Mrs. Soper and Edward E. Soper,	145 00
Thos. H. Clark, cash paid for his support ($6 per month)	72 00
Mrs. Edwin Plaisted, cash paid for her support ($4 per month)	48 00
City of Melrose, supplies furnished family of Mrs. Geo. W. Babcock for year ending Dec. 31, 1900, and part of previous year,	$364 51
Total	$758 91

Incidentals.

Paid Beverly Citizen Co., printing town reports,	$ 58 44
" " " stationery and order book,	10 00
A. E. Potter, iron work for Pingree's bridge, 1899,	75
F. H. Tarr, labor on snow fence,	40
John Williams, " "	40
W. T. Tucker, " "	1 30
B. & M. R. R. Co., freight on gravel screens,	25
J. H. Perkins, Jr., use of telephone,	1 30
" " blank books and stationery,	1 70
S. R. Prince Co., fertilizers for park,	1 65

Paid	Fred. H. Brooks, guide boards, cor. Maple and Bomer Sts.,	$ 2 85
	Dr. S. E. Thayer, returning births to Town Clerk,	3 75
	Elbridge Porter, Memorial day appropriation,	25 00
	George W. Peabody, land for gravel pit,	110 00
	A. P. White, preparing deed, recording, and revenue stamps,	6 75
	A. P. White, counsel Alden Mildram case,	10 00
	Ames Plow Co., two gravel screens,	12 74
	" " shovels and picks,	8 50
	Thomas J. Gray & Co., one road plow,	12 50
	I. R. Gates & Co., lumber for hay scales,	16 94
	C. A. Lawrence, drain pipe,	23 76
	Addison Williams, conveying library books to East Wenham,	10 00
	Addison Bros., painting signs,	3 00
	J. Kavanagh, water supply for town house and primary school house,	10 00
	C. W. Patch, service as witness in Tilton case, 1899,	8 00
	B. H. Conant, care of town clock,	20 00
	H. W. Porter, labor on hay scales,	27 23
	J. F. Pope & Son, lumber for "	10 92
	H. W. Porter, cash for telephone and repairs and supplies on road roller,	6 26
	W. J. Berry, surveying town line and service in court in case of Mrs. Latimer, 1898,	22 20
	M. R. Warren Co., tax collector's book,	1 08
	Warren Jones, labor putting up snow fence,	70
	A. B. Black, furnishing castings for repairs on road machine,	30 00
	William T. Tucker, care of soldiers' lot in cemetery,	2 50
	B. & M. R. R. Co., freight on snow plow,	63
	J. H. Perkins, journey to Essex, on account of hay scales,	1 50
	Harry O. Brewer, care of street light,	10 00
	George W. Jones, pointing up around town house,	1 00

Paid Charles F. Elliott, repairs on hay scales, 1899,		$ 6 00
" " making trunk for library,		4 02
Owen E. McQueeny, strapping " " "		75
H. E. Durgin, sharpening picks and repairs on snow plow (west district),		2 41
H. E. Durgin, repairs on road machine and cash paid for freight on casting,		10 47
H. E. Durgin, bolts for hay scales,		75
" " iron posts for Thompson's bridge and coal for road roller,		3 11
T. C. Lyford, labor on trees at different times,		14 68
Perley N. Dodge, labor with tree warden,		12 66
George W. Jones, " "		4 10
Ira F. Trask, " "		7 10
Paid A. D. & W. F. Trowt, nails, spikes, postage for town officers, etc.,	$ 3 50	
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, oil, wicks, etc., for street light,	4 88	
W. Pool, administering oaths to town officers,	4 15	
" labor on park and common,	8 55	
" cash paid for labor on common,	3 82	
" " " repairs on flag,	2 45	
" " " American Express,	1 50	
" " " repairing ballot box,	4 50	
" " " setting glass,	90	
" " " removing settees,	65	
" " " state record ink,	1 25	
" " " stationery and postage,	2 97	
" " " keys,	30	
" labor on funnel and snow,	2 05	
" returning 37 deaths as undertaker,	9 25	
Henry M. Meek Co., assessors blanks,	1 00	
Dr. Henry Shaw, copy of "Settlement Laws of Mass."	2 00	
R. F. Dodge, administering oaths to town officers,	1 50	
" service at Grapevine bridge and in Ward Two,	9 00	
		$ 604 27

Town House and Hall.

Paid Ivory Quinby, repairs on flag staff,	$	2 00
H. W. Porter, labor on town house repairs,		170 61
" cash paid for lumber and cement,		167 81
F. H. Brooks, labor painting outside of town house,		164 62
" stock, " " " "		12 34
" painting interior of town hall, (contract)		50 00
Whitcomb Carter Co., 500 lbs. lead,		32 50
" " 51 gals. oil,		33 15
Rogers & Chase, repairing tin roof,		13 60
Geo. H. Woodbury, plastering tramp room and repairs in hall, etc.,		13 00
F. H. Tarr, stone furnishing for basement wall,		1 50
H. W. Porter, labor and stock enlarging stage and picture moulding used around the hall,		26 50
Warren Jones, cleaning up basement,		1 00
Robert Robertson, railing for school room steps,		6 00
H. E. Durgin, labor on furnace and hooks furnished,		1 15
A. M. Harrigan, cleaning up outside of building,		1 00
H. C. Batchelder, stove and funnel for tramp room,		6 50
A. T. Trask, expressing on the same,		50
John C. Sauer, coal,		17 50
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, oil, matches, etc.,		5 97
W. Pool, cash paid for tuning piano,		4 25
" care of hall and town room,		29 30
" clearing up basement,		2 00
" care of library room,		5 00
	$	767 80

Town Library.

Paid Library Bureau, Boston, book supports,	$	4 50
American express, on books,		1 45

Paid B. H. Conant, cash paid expense of trustees to Boston,	$ 3	45
" " " " for books,	12	95
" " " " subscription to "Bookman,"	2	00
" " " " postage, incidentals, etc.,	5	56
F. J. Barnard & Co., binding books and magazines,	39	20
A. D. Worthington, books,	7	35
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	119	50
Beverly Citizen Co., printing,	8	00
	$203	96

Fire Department.

Paid James H. Perkins, Jr., alcohol for engine, 1899,	$ 3	25
W. T. Homan, cleaning engine, hose, etc.,	6	00
Cornelius Callahan & Co., hose and coupling,	2	50
Mitchell Mfg. Co., one dozen fire badges,	9	00
Standard Extinguisher Co., chemical supplies,	7	10
C. S. Cook, watching fire at G. W. Peabody's,	2	00
J. F. Crockett, " " "	2	00
L. F. Hodgdon, " " "	2	00
S. M. Hill, hauling engine to G. W. Peabody's fire,	4	00
F. H. Tarr, " " A. P. Gardner's "	2	00
W. H. Banfil, agent for Racine Fire Engine Co., one chemical engine,	900	00
C. W. Perkins, moving building to suitable spot to test chemical engine,	10	00
J. P. Lovering, 1½ cords trash wood to test engine,	4	50
Chemical committee, car fares and expenses to Boston,	6	05
" " cash paid for supplies for engine and hand chemicals,	8	41
Simeon Dodge, labor on engine and cash paid for expressing,		65

Paid Knight & Thomas, chemical supplies,	$	60
B. & M. R. R. Co., freight on chemicals,	1	29
Simeon Dodge, recharging and polishing hand chemicals,	1	50
S. Dodge and F. H. Tarr, expenses to Boston on account of firewards,	2	20
Cochrane Chemical Co., chemicals,	6	38
O. E. McQueeney, chamois skin and sponge,	1	75
F. P. Stanton, supplies furnished May 20th,	4	63
H. E. Durgin, repairing hand chemicals and hooping barrels,	2	55
Warren Jones, labor on engine house,	1	40
F. P. Stanton, lanterns and oil,	1	62
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, oils, tunnel, salt, etc.,	3	49
	$996	87

Care of Tramps.

Paid G. A. Herrick, one barrel crackers,	$ 3	57
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, crackers, candles, pails, etc.,	4	76
J. C. Richards, care of tramps, one year,	50	00
	$58	33

Town Officers.

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Wellington Pool, services one year,	$ 50	00
" " returning vote for representative,	2	00
" " obtaining, recording, indexing and returning to Sec'y of Mass., births, deaths and marriages,	16	20
	68	20

MODERATOR.

Paid H. E. Durgin, services at annual town meeting,		$ 3 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Wm. B. Morgan, services to March 1, 1900,		30 00
Elbridge Porter,	" "	30 00
" "	taking census of scholars, preparing blanks, etc.,	14 00
F. M. Dodge, services to March 1, 1900,		69 25
		$ 143 25

ASSESSORS.

Paid R. F. Dodge,	11 days services,	$ 22 00
N. P. Perkins,	11½ " "	23 00
H. W. Porter,	10½ " "	21 00
N. P. Perkins,	journey out of town,	1 00
		$ 67 00

TOWN TREASURER.

Paid H. E. Durgin, salary one year,		60 00

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Paid J. H. Perkins,	journey to Salem,	$ 1 00
N. P. Perkins,	services one year,	5 00
" "	journeys out of town and cash paid,	4 00
H. W. Porter,	service one year,	5 00
R. F. Dodge,	" "	5 00
		$ 20 00

REGISTRARS.

Paid J. H. Perkins, four sessions,		$ 4 00
Wellington Poole, five sessions,		5 00

Paid	Cash paid for Wenham Neck chapel,	$ 25
	H. W. Porter, one session,	1 00
	R. F. Dodge,	5 00
	N. P. Perkins, five sessions,	5 00
		$ 20 25

SELECTMEN.

Paid	J. H. Perkins, 1 days' service,	$ 2 00
	" " distributing town reports,	2 00
	N. P. Perkins, " " "	1 00
	" " 18½ days' service,	37 00
	" " service at state election,	2 50
	" " perambulating Beverly town line,	2 00
	" " journeys out of town and cash paid,	18 00
	" " incidental service and postage,	5 00
	H. W. Porter, 17 days' service,	34 00
	" " journeys out of town and cash paid,	10 00
	" " service at state election,	2 50
	" " " electric light hearing,	2 75
	R. F. Dodge, distributing town reports,	2 00
	" " 16½ days' services,	33 00
	" " at state election,	2 50
	" " perambulating Beverly town line,	2 00
	" " journey out of town and cash paid,	3 00
		$ 161 25

AUDITOR.

Paid	Otis D. Brewer, services Feb. 1900,	$ 3 00

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Paid	J. Kavanagh, collector for 1899,	60 00
	F. P. Stanton, cash paid for tax bills,	2 40
		$ 62 40

CONSTABLES, POLICE AND CATTLE INSPECTOR.

Paid C. H. McQueeney, service in District court cases 1879—2045-2932,	$	8 95
C. H. McQueeney, posting warrants and other service for the year,		15 50
H. E. Durgin, special police July 4,		2 00
H. A. Moulton, 2d, service to Nov. 2,		5 00
Henry Alley, serving dog warrant,		5 00
" posting warrants and check lists, etc.,		6 50
" other service as constable,		7 00
" service as inspector of cattle,		20 00
	$	69 95

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Paid Henry A. Moulton, teller state election 1900,	$	2 50
F. E. Perkins, ballot clerk 1899,		2 00
	$	4 50

State Aid.

Paid Joseph A. Addison,	$	54 00
Ephraim Hathaway,		48 00
Henry P. Brewer,		72 00
Warren W. Larrabee,		32 00
Harriett A. Larrabee.		32 00
Elizabeth S. Peach,		16 00
Elbridge A. Standley,		48 00
Ira F. Trask,		20 00
Joseph B. Woodman,		48 00
Edward F. Standley,		24 00
George W. Pierce,		8 00
Mary E. Pierce,		8 00
Mary E. Woodman,		36 00
	$	446 00

Military Aid.

Paid Daniel A. Homan,	$144 00
Benjamin F. Young,	144 00
	$288 00

Abatements.

James L. Dodge,	for 1898 too much real,	$ 88
" "	1899 " "	96
Daniel C. Crowley,	1898 poll not found,	2 00
Henry Heith,	1898 " "	2 00
Ingraham Bishop,	1899 " "	2 00
Henry L. Eaton,	1899 " liable,	2 00
Malcom M. Civers,	1899 " found,	2 00
Chas. Morgan,	1899 " "	2 00
Eldred Webber,	1899 deceased,	2 00
Richard P. Waters,	1899 personal not liable,	38 40
Mrs. E. A. Rogers,	1898 exempt,	1 54
Geo. W. Rogers,	1898 not able,	44
Nancy Cook,	1899 not able to contribute,	3 60
Chas. A. Whiting,	1899 not liable,	2 48
Joseph Addison,	1 poll 1897,	2 00
W. C. Addison,	1 poll 1897,	2 00
I. W. Ilsley,	1 poll, not found 1897,	2 00
Geo. W. Rogers,	poll and personal, not able 1897,	2 72
Mrs. E. A. Rogers,	personal exempt by law,	1 68
Edmund L. Batchelder,	1 poll, not liable,	2 00
Otis A. Clark,	1 poll 1900, not liable,	2 00
Morton B. Fielding,	1 poll 1900, not liable,	2 00
John W. Tinkham,	1 poll 1900, not liable,	2 00
Mrs. Margaret Stanley,	1900, real, exempt by law,	4 40
Frank Edwards,	1900, too much real estate,	2 64
		$ 87 74

Summary of Town Expenses.

Schools,	$ 1,895 22
School Incidental,	322 89
High School Tuition,	350 00
Repairs on Highways,	1,549 28
Extra Highway,	178 98
Walnut Street,	1,380 17
Clearing Snow,	111 02
Town Library,	203 96
Town Hall,	767 80
Fire Department,	996 87
Incidentals,	604 27
Support of Poor,	274 13
Soldiers' Relief,	758 91
State and Military Aid,	734 00
Care of Tramps,	58 33
Town Officers,	682 80
Abatements,	87 74
	$10,956 37

Tax Collectors' Accounts.

ELBRIDGE PORTER, Collector for 1894.

To balance due on tax list of 1894,	$ 17 92
By payment to Treasurer,	3 74
error in list,	2 00
uncollected taxes,	12 18
	$ 17 92

J. H. PERKINS, JR., Collector for 1895.

To balance due on tax list of 1895,	$ 12 00
By uncollected taxes,	12 00

J. H. PERKINS, JR., Collector for 1896.

To balance due on tax list of 1896,	$ 17 66
interest on taxes,	2 53
	$ 20 19
By payment to Treasurer,	13 06
uncollected taxes,	7 13
	$ 20 19

J. H. PERKINS, JR., Collector for 1897.

To balance due on tax list of 1897,	$ 230 28
interest on taxes,	31 63
	$ 261 91
By payments to Treasurer,	$ 209 92
discount on early payment of tax, not allowed on former report,	2 18
uncollected taxes,	49 81
	$ 261 91

JEREMIAH KAVANAGH, Collector for 1898.

To balance due on tax list for 1898,	87 70
interest on taxes,	8 98
	$ 96 68
By payments to Treasurer,	$ 96 68

JEREMIAH KAVANAGH, Collector for 1899.

To balance due on tax list for 1899,	$ 843 74
interest on taxes,	23 45
	$ 867 19
By payments to Treasurer,	$ 867 19

FRED P. STANTON, Collector for 1900.

To tax list for 1900,	$ 9609 60
additions to tax list,	16 11
interest on taxes,	5 42
Street Railway excise tax,	503 99
	$ 10,135 12
By payments to Treasurer,	$ 8,215 04
discount on taxes,	60 54
uncollected taxes,	1859 54
	$ 10,135 12

Treasurer's Account.

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH H. E. DURGIN, TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

1900. Feb. 14,	Balance in treasury,	$ 3,428 05
From the Commonwealth,	national bank tax,	321 82
" "	corporation tax,	777 53
" "	street railway tax,	435 62
" "	burial of indigent soldiers and sailors,	35 00
" "	state aid reimbursed,	470 50
" "	military aid "	138 00
" "	income of Mass. school fund,	428 59
" "	one-half compensation of inspector of animals,	16 00
" County Treasurer,	dog licenses refunded,	176 30
City of Salem,	Longham taxes,	93 33

From C. S. Cummings & Co., temporary loan,	$ 3,000 00
Wellington Pool, rent of hall and piano,	46 75
Town of Danvers, gravel,	60
Sale of old junk,	40
" hose,	28
" cemetery property and lots,	56 00
H. W. Porter, second hand lumber,	4 50
James W. Morgan, tuition of pupil,	24 00
S. M. Hill, for repairing highway in Ward Six,	10 00
J. D. Marshall, " " "	10 00
D. C. Smith, " " "	10 00
Thomas M. & Jacob D. Barnes, on account of Paul M. Barnes,	22 00
James H. Proctor, on account of library,	20 00
B. H. Conant, librarian, fines, etc.,	8 38
Butchers' licenses,	3 00
Druggist's "	1 00
Town scales,	14 02
Fred P. Stanton, on account of tax lists,	8,265 04
J. Kavanagh, " "	963 87
J. H. Perkins, Jr., " "	222 98
Elbridge Porter, " "	3 74
	$ 19,007 30

PAYMENTS.

C. S. Cummings & Co., temporary loan,	$ 3000 00
State tax,	435 00
County tax,	672 89
State of Mass., 1-4 of druggist's license,	25
Interest on temporary loan,	30 80
" Allen cemetery fund,	16 60
" Mary Perkins "	194 22
Cemetery Commissioners,	75 62
Selectmen's orders,	10,958 37
Balance in the treasury,	3,623 55
	$19,007 30

Financial Statement.

LIABILITIES.

Note due Trustees Allen Cemetery Fund,	$ 475 00
Interest on same to Jan. 29, 1901,	67 81
Note due Trustees of Mary Perkins Fund,	3,000 00
Interest on same to Feb. 1, 1901,	56 66
Due the Cemetery Commissioners,	31 04
Estimate of outstanding bills,	950 00
Balance in favor of the town,	$ 1573 70
	$ 6,154 21

RESOURCES.

Due from State of Mass., State Aid paid for past years,	$446 00
" " " one half of Military Aid, paid for past years,	144 00
" Elbridge Porter, Tax Collector for 1894,	12 18
" J. H. Perkins, Jr., " " 1895,	12 00
" " " " " 1896,	7 13
" " " " " 1897,	49 81
" F. P. Stanton, " " 1900,	1,859 54
Balance in the treasury,	3,623 55
	$ 6154 21

Report of Trustees of Mary Perkins Fund.

Unexpended balance Feb. 1, 1900,	$ 100 88
Interest to Feb. 1, 1901,	150 00
Total,	$ 250 88
Allowed to different persons in the form of rent, fuel, supplies, cash, etc., in accordance with the terms of the bequest,	$ 194 22
Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1901,	$ 56 66

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners.

The Board remains the same as the last two years, Mr. Warren Jones having been elected for three years at the last Town Meeting. The following vote was passed at the last Town Meeting :

Voted, unanimously, That the Cemetery Commissioners be and they are hereby instructed to sell the hearse, hearse runners and hearse house, either at private sale or public auction ; and to extend the faced wall across the space made vacant by the removal of the hearse house. And that the same be completed before the fifteenth day of May next.

This was carried out by the Commissioners.

As there was but $50.66 balance in the treasury no new work was done this year, the money having been spent in clearing up, keeping the avenues in repair and carrying out the vote of the town. There was some work laid out by the Commissioners the last of last year which could not be done this year for lack of money and the Commissioners recommend the sum of $50 to keep the Cemetery in repair.

WARREN JONES,
S. K. EVANS,
F. H. TARR,
Cemetery Commissioners.

List of Jurors as proposed by the Selectmen.

George W. Jones, laborer,
Simeon Dodge, Jr., shoemaker,
George W. Patch, butcher,
Addison Williams, farmer,
George E. Perkins, carpenter,
Nathaniel P. Perkins, farmer,
Frank E. Perkins, butcher,
Charles H. Stanton, farmer,
Chas. H. McQueeny, conductor,
Leander F. Hodgdon, farmer,
Clarence E. Kimball, retired,
Fred F. Abbott, carpenter,
Elmer E. Clark, shoemaker,
William P. Dodge, farmer.

Assessors' Report.

Number of assessed polls		264
Tax on each poll		$ 2 00
Value of assessed	Personal property	$ 226,075 00
" "	Buildings	496,850 00
" "	Land	309,075 00
Total valuation		1,032,000 00
Tax on polls and property		9,609 60
Rate per thousand,		8 80
Number of horses taxed		263
" cows "		357
Neat cattle other than cows taxed		11
Number of fowls assessed		1200
Acres of land "		4558
Dwelling houses "		251
Number of tax payers assessed		509
" " "	on property	415
" " "	on poll only	94

Auditor's Report.

The undersigned, having examined the accounts of the several officers, finds the sums correct with vouchers for the payments.

OTIS D. BREWER, Auditor.

Wenham, Feb. 15, 1901.

Selectmen's Estimates for 1901.

The Selectmen recommend that the following sums be raised to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the coming year:

Schools	$1400 00
School incidentals	300 00
High School tuition	400 00
Incidentals	1700 00
Repairs of highways	1300 00
Extra highway work	700 00
Town library	150 00
Soldiers' relief	500 00
Support of poor	500 00
Interest	225 00
Fire department	100 00
	$ 7275 00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT,

1900

Fourteen births (seven males and seven females,) nine marriages and thirty-seven deaths were recorded in Wenham in 1900. Twenty three died in town—three were non-residents. Thirteen of those who died in town were removed for interment elsewhere and thirteen non-residents were brought here from other places for interment.

DEATHS.

1900		Years	Months	Days
Jan. 12	Asenath D. Stillman*	47	2	12
20	Sarah B. Cressy*	88	—	22
26	Roland E. Brown*	5	9	6
Mar. 16	Winifred J. Conary	1	11	7
20	Marianne Garland*	82	10	21
23	Dennis Glavin	61		
28	Lydia D. Lefavour*	76	—	1
Apr. 2	William B. Morgan	81	2	19
9	Myron Allen Clark	42	—	30
24	Charles B. Allen*	86	3	13
May 27	Elizabeth S. Peach*	67	8	7
June 9	Irving G. Heron	—	10	14
15	Carriebel Porter	35	2	16
27	Lucy Peabody	82	6	10
30	George W. Tilton*	48	10	27
Aug. 19	John F. Flint*	82	—	8
20	Daniel E. Homan	87	1	25
27	Alice M. Tufts*	44	11	16
Sept. 7	Lillian M. Cary*	—	3	9
Oct. 4	Sophronia A. Gould	72	9	12
13	Daniel L. Clayton	14	1	22
	[Accidentally drowned in Wenham Lake.]			
29	Barnett S. Knowlton	88	8	
Nov. 9	Frank A. Homan	1	5	
Dec. 22	Charles S. Mudge*	5	10	

*Removed for interment elsewhere.

BROUGHT TO WENHAM FOR INTERMENT.

1900		Years	Months	Days
Mar. 20	Mary B. Dennison	1	2	
23	Mildred Barnes	1	6	
Apr. 21	Louis P. Page†	21	4	2
May 10	Charles E. Abbott	66	8	9
June 8	Louis W. Page	—	4	12
July 27	Henry H. Dodge	82	9	27
27	George W. Dodge	83	7	17
Aug. 1	Bertram Barnes	1	7	—
Sept. 4	Abram Patch	78	8	—
Oct. 14	Hattie E. Barnes	36		
26	Harriet N. Haskell	83	5	18
Nov. 30	Alexander Haskell	84	10	27
Dec. 6	William H. Ober	22	10	—

†Spanish-American war; Co. K, 8th M. V. M.

DOGS.

Eighty seven dogs—seventy two males and fifteen females—were licensed, and from the amount received therefor the sum of two hundred and one dollars and sixty cents was paid into the County treasury.

The sum of one hundred and seventy six dollars and thirty cents has been refunded.

WELLINGTON POOL, Town Clerk.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

ESSEX ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex. GREETING.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the said town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Monday, the fourth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d. To act on the annual reports of the Selectmen, School Committee, Trustees of the Public Library and other town officers.

3d. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the year ensuing; make appropriation of the same, and determine the manner of collecting.

5th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, said loan or loans to be paid from said taxes.

6th. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors proposed by the Selectmen.

7th. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the expenses of "Memorial Day" under the direction of the soldiers and sailors of Wenham.

8th. To see if the town will vote to raise a sufficient sum of money to pay the State and Military Aid for the coming year.

9th. To see what action the town will take in regard to truant scholars.

10th. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The ballot shall be "Yes" or "No."

11th. To see if the town will vote to supply the school at the Neck with water or vote anything thereon. Request of the School Committee.

12th. To see if the town will vote to erect a snow fence where needed, in Ward Two. Petition of R. F. Dodge and others.

13th. To see if the town will vote to buy an additional number of hand chemicals and locate them in private houses, where the same will best accommodate the public.

14th. To see if the town will vote to sell the land now occupied by the town pound; or act anything thereon.

15th. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of an act to authorize towns to place the administration of their highways under a single highway surveyor, according to Chap. 374, acts of 1895.

16th. To see if the town will vote to provide better accommodations for the fire apparatus, road machine, snow plow, etc., or act anything thereon. Request of the firewards and others.

17th. To see if the town will vote to widen Arbor Street at the dry bridge, and raise money for the same. Petition of Ira F. Trask and others.

18th. To see if the town will permit the laying of water pipes in town. The town to know no expense. Petition of F. P. Stanton and others.

19th. To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town House, one at the Wenham Neck school house, one at A. D. & W. F. Trowt's

store, one at the chapel at Mapleville and one at the eastern part of the town, near the house of J. K. Dodge in said town, seven days, at least, before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred and one.

N. P. PERKINS,
R. F. DODGE,
H. W. PORTER,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

For the Year Ending December 31,

1900.

BEVERLY, MASS.
Printed at the Citizen Office.
1901.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Wenham:

The School Committee respectfully submit to their fellow citizens the following report:

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

The Committee received and paid out for the maintenance of the Public Schools, as follows:

Town appropriation,	$ 1,400.00
State school fund,	428.59
Dog tax,	176.30
	$ 2,004.89
Paid for teaching,	$ 1,745.00
" " vocal music from April 4, 1899, to Feb. 28, 1900,	126.00
" care of rooms and building fires,	56.90
" fuel,	71.50
	$ 1,999.40
Paid for books, stationery, school room supplies, and school incidentals,	$ 86.18
for repairs on school rooms and buildings,	104.56
	$ 190.74

An itemized account of all disbursements will be found in the report of the Selectmen.

Number of persons in town on the first day of September,

1900, between five and fifteen years of age, one hundred and forty-four.

Number of public schools, five.

Whole number of different pupils enrolled during the year, one hundred and twenty-nine.

Whole number of different pupils under five years of age enrolled during the school year, five.

Whole number of different pupils between seven and fourteen years of age enrolled during the school year, ninety-two.

Whole number of tardy marks during the year, two hundred and twenty-seven.

Average membership of all the schools, one hundred and six and one-tenth.

Average attendance in all the schools, one hundred.

Per cent of attendance based upon the average membership, ninety-four and three tenths.

Our schools have completed the work of another year, and it is our duty to record the results. The committee do not expect that all teachers will perform their varied work equally well, or in the best possible manner; all have not the same adaptation, nor the same tact and ability for the work. But, if they assumed their several positions with the fixed purpose to spare no pains or exertion in the endeavor to do their whole duty in meeting promptly and fully the obligations which their relations to the schools imposed upon them, the educational work of the past year should, in the main, be successful, and such we believe it has been.

It is with pleasure therefore, that we bear testimony to the faithful and conscientious manner in which our teachers as a class, have discharged their school duties. One spirit and one purpose have seemed to inspire their ambition to become teachers, worthy of their profession.

While a condition of general health has prevailed throughout the schools, the year has been marked by the death of one of the most interested friends of the children, Mr. William B. Morgan, a member of the school committee. For six years Mr. Morgan

had served the town in caring for its educational interests, and during his entire official relation with the schools was always one of the most devoted and interested members of the school board. Despite poor health and sometimes great suffering, he ever held himself in readiness to perform the duties falling to him in the most conscientious manner. Through his death, the schools have lost a true friend and the town a valued citizen.

The vacancy in the school board, occasioned by the death of Mr. Morgan, was filled by the joint action of the Selectmen and School Committee, in the appointment of Mr. George V. Bowden.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS, ETC.

The roof of the West school house leaked in several places, upon examination—by a carpenter—it was found that the shingles had become so worn, it would not be economy to attempt to make it tight by patching, and it was decided to re-shingle it, which was done. The school room and entry of the house at the Neck, have been painted and papered and the ceiling white-washed. It would be economy the coming year, to paint the outside of the house and repair the windows. Some provision should be made by the town, by which this school may be supplied with water, as the time has gone by when the children should be obliged to depend upon the neighbors' supply.

STUDIES.

The examinations show a better preparation of the pupils in history, geography and arithmetic than in some of the other studies, particularly in reading; for while there were in each of the schools, some examples given in this branch that could hardly be surpassed, either in style or expression, by pupils of like age; yet as a whole, the pupils did not enter into the spirit of this exercise, indicative of that genuine interest commensurate to the importance of the study. Most of the reading of all persons, is to gain information, and pupils should be so trained as to grasp the thoughts and ideas of an author, and so express them that the hearer can also comprehend them. With young children great

care should be exercised to avoid the use of words that are too difficult in their meaning, or that cannot be explained by the teacher in simple words, such as a child can understand.

VERTICAL WRITING.

The vertical system of writing, which has been in exclusive use for the past three years, has been the means of awakening a very lively interest in this branch of school work and the improvement made is of no doubtful character. Judged by the interest taken and results realized, it has the unqualified endorsement of teachers and committee, it therefore is no longer a matter of doubt or experiment in our schools, but it is with us, to stay.

SCHOOL YARDS.

Through the liberality of the Improvement Society the children have again been given the opportunity of competing for a school garden prize; ten dollars being offered to the school making the greatest improvement in the school grounds,—to the next best school yard, the sum of five dollars. The first prize without question, was awarded to the West School, where the faithful enthusiasm of the children guided by an interested teacher was heartily seconded by some of our citizens. This attractive school garden has been a source of pleasure to all passers-by, and is certainly a credit to the public spirit of this district. The second prize was given to the Centre Grammar, where much improvement was made on the previous year. A special commendation made to the East School, where the eight girls with their teacher worked heroically to bring beauty out of their rocky plot of land. In the Neck School there was a decided lack of improvement. We regret, not to see developed in this school, and fostered in the home that public spirit and loyalty to unselfish interests, which we have a right to expect of the citizen of today.

MUSIC.

At the close of the schools in Feb. 1900, Miss Sarah C. Prince, who had so acceptably served the town as teacher of

music in the schools for three years, resigned, and the vacancy was filled by the appointment of Mrs. Bertha M. Perkins, who has met and discharged the duties of her position as music teacher, to the appreciation and satisfaction of the committee.

For a more detailed account of the work in vocal music, we would refer the town to the accompanying report of the music teacher.

To the School Committee of Wenham :

Upon entering my duties as teacher of music for the public schools, I found that a lively interest had already been acquired in this department.

Some very good work had been done in note reading, definitions of the elements of music and rote singing.

It seemed with the knowledge already gained by the pupils, that if a regular system of music could be established much good work might be done.

With this object in view, I decided that the Natural Course in Music, by Frederic H. Ripley and Thomas Tapper of Boston, was a new, superior course and the best system for our schools to study.

During the spring term, I tried to familiarize myself with the elements in all the departments of this course and made several visits to Mr. Ripley, who very kindly gave me all the instruction and advice I asked and invited me to visit the Longfellow school of Roslindale, of which he is principal. I spent one day at his school which aided me greatly in the method of instruction as I was able to see the work from the beginners to far advanced classes.

With our limited appropriation I was able to purchase two charts and a few books with which we started on this system at the beginning of the fall term. This plan of music contemplates the constant use of charts as a systematic preparation for the lessons to be learned in the music readers. A short course particularly adapted to ungraded school are the books so far used.

The charts are closely related to each other ranging from series A, to series G. The first includes the last ; the last the

first. No lesson is isolated, treated once and then forgotten; but each lesson though independent in its own particular treatment is a development of the lesson which precedes and an introduction to that which follows.

The Centre Primary school being beyond the series A chart were given the series B. With this they have done wonderfully good work. This school being partially graded is taken as one class, and it is quite remarkable to see how quickly the little ones grasp the idea of singing correctly and in some cases excel older children in note reading. This school has taken all the different keys in one-part songs in easy exercises and a small beginning made in two-part music. The singing lesson has been varied by blackboard work, rote songs and drill exercises.

Each of the three schools, the Neck, East and West have been divided into primary and advanced classes, the lesson being divided between the two.

The primary class in each school has been taught from the blackboard in a similar manner as the primary school chart work. Good work has been done considering, but a chart for each of these classes of small children is greatly needed. Each of the advanced classes have done very good work, particularly the East and West. The blank writing books which Mr. Dodge, our supervisor has kindly given us has aided greatly in their work. The few music books purchased were placed at the West school and chart series C at the Neck. Not as good work as desired has been done on this chart, but I trust by another year better work may be accomplished and a stronger interest with a more studious manner be shown by the majority of these pupils.

The Centre Grammer school stands on its own merits in music. No lesson given in this school has to have a repetition. Their motto seems to be, "What you do, do thoroughly" and this certainly has been carried out in their singing lessons.

Not anything in the new course of music has yet been introduced into this school, but the old Educational Course chart was placed here from the West school and with the addition of blackboard studies has constituted their means of work. I have looked forward with pleasure to the lesson to be given each week. The

readiness with which the children respond and faithful co-operation of the teacher has made this school extremely interesting. Two-part songs have been studied to a small extent and with proper facilities to work with, this form of singing can well be established in this school with credit to itself.

Of course what has been done this past year in music is but "A drop in the bucket" of what can be done and is hoped will be done in the future in our public schools.

Music is one of God's greatest gifts to all mankind, and in no time or place can this gift be so easily or advantageously cultivated as in the school-room. Music is *not* a detriment to our schools but a help, and those who feel dissatisfied or at variance with this question, should visit our schools and acquaint themselves with this branch of work and I feel sure satisfaction and a larger appropriation would be given.

I wish to thank all the parents and friends who have in any way given me help or encouragement, also all the teachers who have worked so faithfully and well, and lastly our worthy board of school committee who have so gallantly supported and helped to carry forward my little attempt at advancement in music for the year 1900-1901.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA M. PERKINS,
Teacher of Music.

EAST SCHOOL.

The school in this district has during the past three years, been growing less in the number of its pupils, so that it is apparent that at no distant date, some other provision may have to be provided for the education of the children in this section of the town.

The pupils of this school, as during the previous year, were all girls, with the exception of a few weeks during the summer term, when one young lad of twelve years was enrolled as a pupil in the school register, who, after a membership of five weeks, was obliged to leave in consequence of his parents moving out of town.

This condition did not exist from any prejudice on the part of the patrons of the school to co-education, but from the entire absence of children of school age of the opposite sex within the limits of this school district.

Notwithstanding the school has gradually become smaller in point of number of pupils, yet, in the absence of the stimulers which is inspired by an increase in the number of pupils, the school has grown mentally and in scholarly habits and attainments, so that it can be truthfully said that, while its number is less, its acquisitions in all that goes into the school preparation for the duties of life, has been greatly enlarged and strengthened during the work of the year just closed.

The school was in charge of Miss Florence E. Dodge, who completes her fifth year as teacher in this district. The condition of the school throughout the entire school year, emphasizes the advantages gained from the *continued* services of a faithful, earnest teacher. The interest in and attention to school requirements on the part of the pupils, were indicative proofs of their appreciation of the privileges and opportunities thus enjoyed,—the discipline was excellent, the school room always neat and its walls made attractive through the combined efforts of teacher and pupils.

Saturday, Dec. 8, the teacher went with her pupils on an excursion to Salem, where they visited several of the historic places of that city—a form of instruction which added interest to their work in history.

The examination of the school, made on Monday P. M. Dec. 17, and the tests applied to the pupils of the classes as they passed in review upon the work of the year, gave unquestionable evidence that the work had been wisely directed and very thoroughly done. The pupils in arithmetic, both mental and written are deserving of high commendation for their promptness and accuracy in responding to questions given, either by teacher or committee—the completeness of those answers evidenced that the reasoning faculties had been cultivated and developed, for which this study is especially adapted. The character of the examina-

tion of the classes in history and language made clear that the real aim of the instruction had been to teach the pupils to think, to draw out and strengthen the reflective powers, instead of burdening the memory with mere verbiage. This feature of the instruction developed by the examination, was very gratifying to those having the general supervision of the school, and cannot be too highly commended. The classes in geography showed that the time given to this study had been well spent and the ground covered all that could be desired. The work done in writing was excellent and the copy-books specimens of care and neatness.

The examination was alike creditable to the teacher for her faithful and wisely directed efforts and to the pupils for attention and application to their school requirements,—excellent returns for time and money spent.

Not absent during the fall term :—Laura S. Wyatt and Lena G. Williams. Winter term :—Lena G. Williams. During the year :—Clara E. Williams, Addie M. Williams and Anna Williams.

The number of tardy marks during the year was four.

The number of dismissions for the year was five.

Average per cent in daily attendance, 96.5 plus.

NECK SCHOOL.

Those who will take the trouble to examine the register of this school for the past school year, cannot fail to discover that it has passed through a varied experience in its history, and one that can never be *relied* upon to insure the best educational results.

The register shows that the school was in charge of three different teachers during the year. The first two months of the school year, the school was continued in the care of its previous teacher Miss Altai Maud Hill, who had so successfully taught the school during the preceding three years. During this time there was an epidemic of measles among the pupils and notwithstanding the precaution taken to prevent the spread of the disease, nearly all of the pupils were either sick or detained at home as a legal

requirement, in consequence of which the work of the school was so completely interrupted that there were no public exercises as usual, at the close of the winter term. The teacher, Miss Hill, in view of her approaching marriage, closed her connection with the school Feb. 1900, very much to the regret not only of the committee but of the pupils and patrons of the school.

The vacancy thus occasioned was filled by the appointment of Miss H. Margaret Gidney of Hyde Park, Mass. Miss Gidney is a young woman thoroughly well qualified for the duties and requirements of the school room in reference to literary preparation and attainments and was by no means a stranger to the demands of school work, having had much experience in substitute work in the schools of Hyde Park, and came to her duties in this school with a strong recommendation from the superintendent, under whose supervision she had taught. She entered upon her school duties in this district on Monday, April 2, and in visiting the school, after she had been in charge a few days and observing her method of instruction, general classification, system and discipline of the school then under her care and direction, we were very favorably impressed with the beginning of her work and felt that the interests of the pupils were committed to a competent and earnest teacher. Subsequent inspection of her work in the school room verified and strengthened our first impressions.

Miss Gidney's experience was like every other teacher who enters a new field of school work. The real condition and wants of the school, the disposition and peculiarities of the pupils must become known to a certain extent, at least, before the teacher can so direct her efforts as to develop in her pupils the best intellectual results; and such knowledge on the part of a teacher is not obtained in a few hours or a day, but comes only from a daily contact with and study of her pupils and their individual requirements, hence more or less time is spent, before the teacher and pupils are prepared to take up their school work in such a manner as to realize the best returns.

Miss Gidney's method of teaching was clear, critical and comprehensive; her discipline was of a firm and positive character. As teacher and pupils came to know and understand each

other the work of the school was pursued intelligently and with apparent interest and progress was made, especially, during the latter part of the term. A marked feature in Miss Gidney's school work was to thoroughly systematize that work, so that the pupils were never left in doubt as to what was to be done or the time of doing it.

Soon after the close of the summer term, she wrote the committee saying, "that she had been offered a position as teacher in one of the schools in Hyde Park which was near her home, and asked to be released from her engagement to the committee of Wenham and resigned her position as teacher of the Neck School."

The committee was very much disappointed in finding themselves again without a teacher for this school, and being conscious of the fact that a frequent change of teachers is not only a very serious drawback to the progress of any school, but is, to a certain degree, demoralizing, were solicitous that a teacher educationally qualified and adapted through natural ability and tact for the position, might be obtained.

There were several applicants for the situation. After learning what we could through enquiry of those under whose supervision a number of the applicants had taught as to their natural adaptation to school requirements, their previous work and success in matters of discipline and instruction we made choice of Miss Mary L. Parmenter of Wayland, Mass., as the applicant fitted, prospectively, to give the best returns for services rendered.

Miss Parmenter commenced her labors in this school on Tuesday, Sept. 4, and continued through the school year. She is a woman of excellent moral character, a teacher of experience and acknowledged fitness and ability to discharge faithfully the requirements of the school room. She spent no time in mere theorizing as to what was to be done, but endeavored to acquaint herself with the true condition and requirements of her new position, in order that she might wisely direct the efforts of her pupils in their work of mental development.

While observing the daily routine work of the school, the teacher's manner and method of conducting her school work, it

was evident that she was quite at home in the discharge of her school duties, and that she was giving her best efforts to the mental development of those committed to her care, raising high expectations of subsequent success in leading them into broader fields of mental culture.

Subsequent inspection indicated that a kind of mental inertia seemed to have come over the pupils, they appeared to have lost that lively interest and spirit of emulation for which this school has been especially noted in previous years. Miss Parmenter became conscious of this condition soon after taking charge of the school and endeavored to awaken in her pupils an interest in their studies that should give a new impetus in school requirements. Through her constant and persistent efforts some improvement in this direction was apparent, but still there was the absence to a certain extent, of that individual application that insures mental acquisition and growth—as the term advanced there was a perceptible improvement in the habits of study on the part of most of the pupils.

The classification and general management of the school were commendable and when ever visited was invariably found in good order.

The examination of the school at the close of the year was made on Tuesday, P. M. Dec. 18. The exercises of the younger pupils in reading, spelling and number work gave a very creditable exhibit of their work and attainments; the first class in arithmetic both mental and written passed a good examination in each, in the former the answers and explanations were correctly and promptly given, in the latter the work on the boards was neatly done and each step was clearly stated and conclusions correctly drawn; the class in fractions the quality was good but deficient in quantity; very good work both as to thoroughness and the amount of ground covered was made apparent in each of the history classes, the examination of which gave favorable satisfaction; the second class in geography gave an excellent account of their work in this study; the examination of the pupils of the first class in grammar was not as satisfactory as in their

other studies, a familiar knowledge of principles and their application was apparently wanting. Some of the classes were not examined for want of time.

Remembering that the school, during the first two months of the year, was nearly broken up, and also the fact. that the work of the year was entrusted to *three different* teachers, the committee felt that although the school was below the standard of former years—they could heartily commend Miss Parmenter for her conscientious efforts in endeavoring to bring the children to the proper plane of work, and hope, that with the continuation of such efforts—wisely directed—the pupils will become interested and inspired with a high sense of school honor, which makes every child alert, and anxious to carry on the work of the school room.

Not absent during the summer term:—George Brock, Lucy Cole, Louis Dodge, Louis Lovett, Bessie Pembroke, Frances Pembroke, Nelson Powers and Ralph Powers. Fall term:—Ruth Cole, Blanch Young, Albert Pembroke and Francis Lovett. Winter term:—Alonzo Young, Nelson Powers and Ralph Powers.

The number of dismissions during the year was seventeen.

The number of tardy marks for the year was eighty-three. Average per cent of daily attendance, 90.2.

CENTRE GRAMMAR.

The school, under the guiding direction and care of its efficient and faithful teacher, Mrs. Grace R. Gould, has spent a very profitable year in school work. School requirements have been rendered pleasant and attractive from the agreeable and harmonious relations that have existed between the teacher and the taught. As a natural result of such relations, much was accomplished and substantial improvement made.

The studies, daily routine requirements, methods of instruction in the various branches of work, and tests of thoroughness by means of monthly written examinations, were practically the same as those of the previous year.

One of the very marked features of the school was that of the

improved habits of application on the part of pupils in the daily preparation of their lessons, thereby imparting to the school a more scholarly character, and productive of results indicative of individual thought and the development of the power to reason intelligently.

In the instruction throughout the entire year, the object constantly aimed to accomplish was, not to burden the memory of pupils with a mere accumulation of facts, but to discipline them to habits of independent thought and personal investigation, the true aim of school discipline in its highest and best sense.

As to how well this object was accomplished was very clearly indicated, in the results of the examination, made on Wednesday P. M., Dec. 19th. It was thorough, comprehensive and satisfactory. Each of the classes in mental arithmetic sustained an excellent examination in this study, and we are pleased to find that it has received the attention that its importance merits. The pupils in written arithmetic were thoroughly familiar with the principles of those portions studied, and very readily, correctly and promptly applied them to practical examples, with explanations definite and comprehensive; the pupils in language gave a satisfactory exhibit of their efforts and attainments in this study; the pupils in history, in the tests applied to those portions studied, gave unquestioned evidence of an intelligent comprehension of the subjects considered; the same may be said of the class in technical grammar; the spelling was generally very correct. In music Mrs. Perkins, the teacher, gave an excellent showing of what had been accomplished in this line of school work.

We would recommend the classes in reading, especially the more advanced, to give more attention to emphasis, expression and style of reading, generally. This suggestion applies with equal force to the other schools in town.

The year's work of the school in its entirety, as it was made to appear through the varied exercises of the examination, commended itself to the approval and commendation of the committee and merits the endorsement of the patrons, whose children have enjoyed the privileges and received the benefits of the school so well disciplined and instructed.

Not absent during the summer term :—Mercy G. Abbott and Harriett B. Fulsom. Fall term :—A. Florence Alley, Mercy G. Abbott, Alice M. Cook and C. Roland Dudley. Winter term :—Richard E. Gould and C. Roland Dudley. During the entire year :—Melvina A. Stanton, Edith C. Alley, Randolph A. Dodge and Charles T. Quinby.

The number of dismissions during the year was thirty-four.

The number of tardy marks for the entire year was sixty-two, for the summer and fall terms thirty, twenty-six of which belong to *one* scholar !

Average per cent in daily attendance for the year, 95.4.

WEST SCHOOL.

It is with pleasure that we record the fact that the pupils of this school have been permitted to pursue their school work under the instruction and discipline of Miss Rose A. Manning, who has so long, faithfully and successfully ministered to the scholars of this district.

The year just closed adds another to the records of the school of work well done. During the year there has been a large measure of untiring efforts, judiciously and productively put forth on the part of the teacher, with an increasing interest and zeal on the part of the pupils. The harmonious intercourse of teacher and pupil has been uninterrupted and while the order and efficiency of the school have been more than satisfactory, at the same time, the "law of love" has sufficed for all the purposes of those important ends. The attendance has been excellent,—the average as shown by the register being ninety-six and three-tenth per cent,—and the standard of individual interest and improvement constantly rising. As an indication of the interest pervading the routine of the school it may be stated that nine of the pupils have not been absent or missed a single recitation during the time of their membership the past year, and several have been absent only one day each.

The distinguishing features of the school were order, system, attention to study, promptness and vivacity, while the school

room was always found in a neat and inviting condition. The teacher's chief aim in all of the work seemed to be, to secure thoroughness in the studies and promptness in recitation.

The examination of the school was made on Thursday A. M., Dec. 20th, the results of which fully realized the expectations of the committee. A class of beginners in school work, read promptly sentences put upon the board, in which they manifested a lively interest and equally as ready to show their attainments in spelling; the pupils in language responded very promptly to all questions given them, proving that, what they had been required to do, they had done well; those in mental arithmetic showed themselves very proficient in the subjects upon which they were tested; their answers were correctly given and every step in the mental operation in analysis was clearly stated. In the examination of the first and second classes in written arithmetic the definitions, rules and principles were promptly and correctly given, and in their application to examples upon the board the work was neatly executed, the explanations given were clear and comprehensive. The examination of the classes in grammar and history clearly made apparent that good work had been accomplished and that principles and facts had been fixed in the mind only as they had been understood, and not merely *lodged* there by the power of memory. A brief but very satisfactory recitation was made in physiology. Mrs. Perkins showed what had been accomplished in the department of music, which was very complimentary to teacher and pupils.

In all of the studies in which the pupils were examined they were exceptionally prompt and clear in their statement of principles and facts, indicative of a conscious ability. The examination furnished ample evidence that education, in its true sense, had been the object constantly in view, and to teacher and pupils, we say, well done.

Not absent during the summer term:—Curtland C. Brown, Ethel V. Cook, Bertha M. Randal and Florence L. Rich. Fall term:—Ruth E. Bowden, Curtland C. Brown, Ethel V. Cook, Ida M. Cook, Edmund G. Haskell, Horace J. H. Sears, James W. Sears, Jesse E. Wilson and Pearl S. Wilson. Winter term:—

Ida M. Cook. During the year:—Alden W. Batchelder and Roscoe B. Batchelder.

The number of tardy marks for the entire year was fifty-nine.

The number of dismissions for the year was twenty-one.

Average per cent in daily attendance for the year, 96.3.

The committee would take this occasion to express their appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Frank Peach for her gift of a fine flag to this school, which was unfurled to the breeze on Memorial Day.

CENTRE PRIMARY.

The fact that Miss Ruth E. Gould had been twice elected to fill the position as teacher of the Wenham Centre Primary school, was, to say the least, circumstantial evidence of her ability and fitness to occupy that position, therefore she was re-elected to the same, for a third year of service, and continued in charge of the school throughout the year.

Her familiarity with the situation, its pupils—for the most part—their attainments and requirements, enabled her to commence at once, the work where she left it at the close of the preceding year, without the loss of time consequent upon a change of teachers. Miss Gould is happy in her efforts to interest and teach those commencing school life, in fact, she is especially strong with the younger portion of her pupils, in the instruction of which, she employs to good effect, both the oral and object methods. From our notes of the school when visited, we find very satisfactory reports for recitations in reading, spelling and number work, the quantity and quality of the work as a whole, satisfactory.

The first class consisting of seven pupils was transferred in the month of October, to the grammar department, which relieved the somewhat crowded condition of the school and gave the teacher much more time for work with the lower classes; through this transfer both the pupils who were promoted and those who remained were greatly benefited.

Where all the children are so young no very mature attainments are to be looked for; but in all the exercises and studies appropriate to their ages they have made very gratifying progress,

as the examination of the year's work of the school, which was made on Thursday P. M., Dec. 20th, furnished convincing evidence that, substantial advancement had been made. The classes in reading and spelling gave a good account of their work in these very important branches of primary school study; the older classes responded very promptly to questions in regard to the use of capital letters, marks of punctuation, etc. In geography a good beginning had been made, as evidenced in correctness and promptness with which the questions were answered. The examination of the classes in arithmetic gave excellent satisfaction, the pupils stating—without being asked—the reasons for every step in their explanations. The examination of the school in singing was conducted by the music teacher, Mrs. Perkins, and gave ample proof that the work accomplished in this branch of school study had been carefully and very thoroughly done, and real progress was the result. In writing, fair progress was noticeable in most of the specimens examined.

The condition of the school and the results of the year as developed by the tests applied were highly creditable to the teacher and very satisfactory to the committee.

Not absent during the summer term:—Robert Tarr, Myron Clark, Mildred Perkins, Evelyn Lyford, Ruth Homan, Donald Lyford and Grace Perkins. Fall term:—Evelyn Lyford, Ruth Perkins, Catherine O'Connors, Frank Sargent, Louise Patch, Grace Perkins, Carrie Stanton, Helen Patch, Helen Tarr, Ida Whiting, Albert Jones, Donald Lyford and Walter Wildes.

Not tardy for the year:—Lenora Allen, Marion Brown, Ruth Homan, Marion Gray, Helen Patch, Louise Patch, Anna E. Perkins, Ethel Perkins, Grace Perkins, Josie Sargent, Martha Perkins, Eva Stanley, Mildred Perkins, Marion Stanley, Ruth Perkins, Ida Whiting, Maud Stanley, Carrie Stanton, Florence Whiting and Winifred Stanton.

The number of dismissions for the year was twenty-five.

The number of tardy marks during the year was nineteen.

Average per cent in daily attendance for the year, 93.7.

FRANCIS M. DODGE,
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GEORGE V. BOWDEN,
} School Committee of Wenham.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

To the Citizens of Wenham :

The Sixteenth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library is herewith presented :

A glance at the title page will show that this report covers a period of eleven months only, from Feb. 1 to Dec. 31, 1900. The object of this is to make the Library year coincide with the calendar year. The trustees have from time to time been required to furnish statistics of the Library for the National and State Educational Reports, and for compilers of Year-Books, Directories, etc. These statistics being usually called for for the calendar year, it seems to us desirable that our own statistical report to the town should correspond with the other published reports. We have therefore taken the responsibillty of making the change at this time, in order to begin the new century square, and to obviate the necessity of making out several different reports. If no objection is made the future reports of the Library will be rendered for the regular calendar year.

The Board of Trustees for the year 1900 has been constituted as follows :

Frederick F. Abbott, term expires 1901.
Benjamin H. Conant, " 1902.
Henry A. Moulton, " 1903.

The Board was organized by the choice of Henry A. Moulton as Chairman, and Benjamin H. Conant as Secretary and Librarian.

The Library has been open for exchange of books every Wednesday afternoon and evening from three to four, and seven to nine o'clock, with the exception of the month of August, when the annual account of the property was taken.

The afternoon opening has so grown in popularity that the

librarian is frequently obliged to remain from a half to three-quarters of an hour beyond the advertised time of closing in order to supply the demands of applicants for books.

During the past year there has been an increased amount of inquiry for information upon special subjects, chiefly by the high school students. To these the librarian has always given such assistance as he has been able to render, both from the Library and from his own private resources.

In September a Branch Delivery similar to the East Wenham Branch was established at the West part of the Town, Mr. George V. Bowden carrying the books to and from the Central Library. This has been very well patronized by the people in that part of the town.

Contrary to the usual custom in former years, of expending very nearly the whole of the town's appropriation early in the season, a considerable portion was reserved for the purchase of books from time to time throughout the year. By this means we have been enabled to add quite a number of books of special and timely interest soon after their publication. A much larger number would have been added had it not been for the large amount of binding which has been done, fifty-four volumes of magazines and nearly as many other books having been bound during the year.

Among the books obtained by purchase may be found an unusually large number of works of standard and permanent value, especially in History, Biography and Travel.

In Religion several noteworthy books have been added, some treating of the modern conceptions of religious truth, and others showing the progress of missionary work in foreign lands.

In Fiction, many of the most approved of the popular books of the year have been supplied.

A bulletin of the new books was issued early in the year for the greater convenience of the readers. These books have been in constant demand by the patrons of the Library, and have as a rule, apparently given very general satisfaction.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

The gifts to the Library during the year have been quite numerous and valuable. One of the most notable was a check for twenty dollars, a Christmas gift for the purchase of books, from Mr. James H. Proctor of Ipswich. This was a complete and most welcome surprise to the trustees, coming as it did at a time when the town's appropriation was nearly exhausted.

A very fine steel engraving of the Battle of Gettysburg (together with a key to the same), both suitably framed, have been presented by Mr. Andrew D. Trowt. Mr. Trowt has also contributed a fine collection of unbound magazines.

Hon. A. P. White of Danvers, Prof. Richard E. Dodge of New York, Hon. Wm. H. Moody, M. C., and many others have enriched the Library by contributions of books, magazines and other valuable and interesting material, a detailed list of which appears in the tables of statistics appended to this report.

Of the magazines now in the Library by far the larger portion have been given from time to time by various individuals.

Further contributions of this kind are earnestly solicited in order to make our files as complete as possible. Doners may be sure that whatever is given to the Library, if not available for immediate use, will be carefully preserved until it can be used advantageously.

An exchange of town histories has also been effected with the Public Library of the town of Canton, Mass.

In addition to the above gifts, the town clerk has previously received two framed pictures, portraits of former citizens of Wenham, with the recommendation that they be placed in the Public Library whenever a suitable place shall be provided.

The sincere thanks of the trustees are hereby extended to each and every one who has in any way aided the Library during the past year.

CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

Another year has passed without the loss of a single volume,

every book which was in the Library when the present catalogue was compiled in 1893, and all which have since been added, can be properly accounted for. It is true, some of the books are too far gone to be of any further use. Several of these have for some time been practically withdrawn, and it is proposed to drop from the list at our next examination, all such as are past their usefulness, with the exception of such as may be deemed of sufficient importance to replace by new copies. During the past year, one book, which had been inadvertently damaged, has been paid for and replaced by a new copy.

In our last report we took occasion at some length to remind the borrowers of the need of greater care in the use of the books. We are now pleased to be able to report some improvement in this respect, although there is still room for more.

We believe that the great majority of injuries to the books are the result of thoughtless, rather than of deliberate or intentional carelessness.

In order to keep this need of proper care in mind printed slips calling attention to the matter have been inserted in all of the new books, and also in many of the more valuable of the old ones.

On our part, to prevent injury to books standing in the Library from the twisting strain on the bindings caused by their leaning against each other, supports designed to keep them in an upright position on the shelves have been placed wherever needed.

It should be remembered that the Library contains many books of permanent value, which it is desirable should be kept in good condition as long as possible. Many of these books after a while become out of print, and if materially injured are very difficult, if not impossible, to replace. This of itself ought to be an incentive to careful usage, to say nothing of the expense of repairing or replacing damaged books. Readers should be particularly careful of the bound magazines, sets of which it is very desirable should be kept complete for reference purposes, the earlier volumes of which are constantly becoming more and more difficult and expensive to obtain.

We regard these sets of magazines as of great value, being in

fact libraries in themselves, containing as they do, articles of importance on a great variety of subjects, many of which are never published in any other form.

We hope these hints on the care of books will be received in the same kindly spirit in which they are offered, and that there may be no further occasion of calling attention to this matter.

NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY.

The one great need of the Library at this time is more room, the present quarters being wholly inadequate for the proper and systematic arrangement of the books. Provision should also be made for maintaining a reading and reference room, and perhaps for a more frequent opening of the Library than is practicable at present. It is also desirable that a suitable place should be provided for the exhibition of pictures and other articles of historical interest of which there is a sufficient quantity in the neighborhood to make a very respectable collection, and which will without doubt find a home in the Library whenever a proper place for them shall be provided.

In the statistical report of this year will be found a statement of the appropriations for the benefit of the Library since it came into the possesion of the town in 1885.

While we fully appreciate the liberality of the town in the past, it should be remembered that as the Library increases in size and importance, so there will be the need of still greater liberality in the future if it is expected to keep abreast of the times. We therefore trust there will be no diminution in the amount appropriated for the support of this worthy institution.

STATISTICS OF THE LIBRARY.

February 1 to December 31, 1900.

CIRCULATION.

Days on which the Library has been open for delivery of books (afternoon and evening),	40
Volumes lent at Central Library,	2,865

Volumes lent at East Wenham Branch,	311
" " West Wenham " (4 months),	120
Total number volumes lent,	3,296
Volumes renewed,	233
Average weekly delivery,	82+
Largest " " Feb. 28,	126
Smallest " " July 18,	48
Volumes lost,	0
Volumes damaged and paid for,	1
Different individuals who have taken books during the year,	264
New names added,	46
Whole number of different individuals who have taken books since the present system of administration has been in use (1893),	551

CLASSIFICATION AND USE.

	Volumes catalogued Jan. 31, 1900	Volumes added	Volumes catalogued Dec. 31, 1900	Volumes lent at Central Library	Volumes lent at East Wenham Branch	Volumes lent at West Wenham Branch	Whole number of volumes lent
History	313	28	341	112	22	8	142
Biography	244	20	264	57	4	2	63
Travel and Descriptive	198	8	206	89	2	9	100
Science and Agriculture	145	12	157	27	2	3	32
Poetry and Drama	47	0	47	9	0	0	9
Religion	78	7	85	6	1	1	8
Miscellaneous	238	65	303	123	7	6	136
Totals, Non Fiction	1263	140	1403	423	38	29	490
Fiction	1317	67	1384	2442	273	91	2806
Totals including Fiction	2580	207	2787	2865	311	120	3296

Per cent of circulation, Non Fiction	14.87
" " Fiction	85.13
	100.00

ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

	Catalogued	Not Catalogued	Total
Volumes in Library Jan. 31, 1900	2580	756	3336
" added by purchase	144	0	144
" " donation	8	43	51
" " exchange	1	0	1
" magazines bound chiefly from numbers donated	54	0	54
" in Library Dec. 31, 1900	2787	799	3586
Pamphlets in Library Jan. 31, 1900			553
" added by donation			85
" in Library Dec. 31, 1900			638

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Periodicals Etc.
Abbott, Frederick F., Wenham,			6 numbers
Adams Nervine Asylum, Jamaica Plain, Mass.,		1	
Beverly, Mass., Public Library,		1	
Burnett, Joseph, Boston,	1		
Cole, Mrs. Adeline P., Wenham,	1		
Dodge, George B., Wenham,	1		
Dodge, Richard E., New York,	1		9 numbers
Essex Bar Association, Salem,	1		
Fullerton, Alexander, New York,	1		
General Theological Library, Boston,		1	
Lake Mohonk (N. Y.) Conference on International Arbitration,		4	
Loomis, I. L., Boston,		1	
Mass. Agricultural College, Hatch Experimental Station, Amherst, Mass.,		7	
Mass. Sec'y Commonwealth, Boston,	10	2	

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Peridoicals, Etc.
Mass. Sons of the Revolution, Boston,	1		
Mass. Trustees Public Reservations, Boston,		1	
Mass. Trustees Soldier's Home, Chelsea,		1	
Moody, Hon. Wm. H., Washington, D. C.,	5	7	Cong. Record
Morgan, Mrs. Martha A., Wenham,	1	1	
Perkins, Nathanial P., Wenham,	1		
Pickett, Mrs. James B., Wenham,			73 numbers
Pool, Wellington, Wenham,		1	
Proctor, James H., Ipswich,			$20.00
Salem, (Mass.) Public Library,		1	
Salem, (Mass.) Water Board,		1	
Tabor Academy, Marion, Mass.,		1	
Trowt, Andrew D., Wenham,			128 numbers
" " "			picture
U. S. Government Publications.			
Bureau of Am. Rebublics,			11 numbers
Bureau of Education,	2		
Bureau of Foreign Commerce,	2	16	11 numbers
Civil Service Commission,	1		
Interstate Commerce Commission,	1		
Naval War Records Office,	2		
Smithsonian Institution,	1		
Supt. of Documents, per W. H. Moody,	14	40	
Wenham-Hamilton Star, Publishers,			1 subscrip'n
Wenham, Town of		1	
White, Hon. Alden P., Danvers,	3		
Wood, Henry, Boston,	1	1	
	51	89	
Duplicates, not included in accession report	0	4	
Gifts to the Library, not including duplicates	51	85	

Several other gifts have been received since Jan. 1, 1901, which will be duly acknowledged in the next annual report.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT,

February 1 to December 31, 1900.

Unexpended balance with Town Treasurer Jan. 31, 1900,		$ 1 66
Town appropriation, March, 1900		200 00
Received for fines to Dec. 31, 1900		6 95
" " cards " "		18
" " 1 catalogue		25
" " damaged book		1 00
" gift of James H. Proctor, Ipswich		20 00
Total receipts		$ 230 04

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of Trustees to Boston	$ 3 45	
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books (123 volumes)	119 50	
A. D. Worthington & Co., " 6 "	7 35	
Benjamin H. Conant, " 15 "	11 55	
" " damaged book replaced	1 00	
F. J. Barnard & Co., binding, etc.	39 20	
American Express	2 90	
Library Bureau, book supports	4 50	
Beverly Citizen office, printing	8 00	
Henry A. Moulton, magazines and curtain	2 15	
Benjamin H. Conant, librarian's record	50	
" " postage	89	
" " subscription, Bookman	2 00	
" " incidentals	97	
		$ 203 96

Unexpended balance with Town Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1900 $ 26 08

Feb. 4, 1901. Paid Horace E. Durgin, Town Treasurer, the amount received for fines, etc., to Dec. 31, 1900 8 38

EDWIN D. HAWKINS FUND.

Amount of Mr. Hawkins' legacy, received 1897,		$ 125 00
Deposited in Beverly Savings Bank, Oct. 1897,		100 00
Appropriated for purchase of books,	$ 25 00	
Accrued interest on deposit to Oct. 1900,	11 75	
	$ 36 75	
Expended for books (15 vols.) previous to Dec. 31, 1900,	$ 23 55	
Balance available Dec. 31, 1900,		$13 20

STATEMENT

Showing the various sums which have been appropriated by the Town for the maintenance of the Public Library up to the close of the nineteenth century:

1885,	$ 100 00	1893,	$ 150 00
1886,	150 00	1894,	150 00
1887,	100 00	1895,	100 00
1888,	150 00	1896,	100 00
1889,	100 00	1897,	150 00
1890,	100 00	1898,	150 00
1891,	100 00	1899,	150 00
1892,	125 00	1900,	200 00

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. H. CONANT,

Sec'y of Trustees and Librarian

Wenham Public Library.

VALUATION

— AND —

ASSESSMENTS

— OF THE —

TOWN OF WENHAM,

FOR THE YEAR 1898.

SALEM, MASS.
MILO A. NEWHALL & CO., PRINTERS.
1898.

VALUATION LIST

AND

State, County and Town Tax

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM,

FOR THE YEAR 1898.

SALEM, MASS.:
M. A. Newhall & Co., Printers.
1898.

PURSUANT to a vote of the Town of Wenham, passed at its last annual meeting, held March 7, 1898, authorizing the ASSESSORS to have the ESTIMATE AND VALUATION LIST of 1898 printed and distributed among the inhabitants of the town, we submit the following:—

NAMES.	Polls.	Street.	Description and Value of Personal and Real Estate.	Value of Person'l Estate.	Value of Real Estate.	Total Tax.
A						
Alley, Henry	1	Larch	1 horse $75 house $750, barn and shop $300 bee house $50 house lot 1 a. $350 woodland 1 a. $25	$75	$1475	$15 64
Alley, Henry, Jr.	1	Larch	house, Main st., $475, barn $125 house lot ¼ a. $150		750	8 60
Abbott Chas. H.	1	Main	1 horse $50	50		2 44
Abbott, Fred F.	1	Friend				2 00
Alley, Otis	1	Maple	horse $25 house $250, barn $50 house lot ½ a. $75	25	375	5 52
Alley, Samuel C.	1	Maple				2 00
Aspinwall, Mrs. Anna			house, off Essex st., $1,200 Curtis pasture land 10 a. $450, barn $100		1750	15 40
Addison, George A.	1	Patch's court	horse $50, carriage $50	100		2 88
Addison, Joseph	1	Friend				2 00
Addison, Walter C.	1	Friend				2 00
B						
Baptist Society		off Dodge	house $850, barn $100 house lot 1 a. $100		1050	9 24
Barnes, Jacob D.	1	Cedar				2 00
Barnes, Thos. M.	1	Cedar	2 horses $75, carriage $25 house $850, barn $200 shop and store house $200 house lot ½ a. 125 Everett Wheeler pasture 5 a. $150	100	1525	16 30
Batchelder, Henry		Salem	New store building, Main st., $1,300 old store building $1,200 store lot 1½ a. $300, woodland 3¾ a. $125		2925	25 74
Batchelder, Edmund K.	1	Cherry	house $900, barn $300, granary $50 tillage land 4 a. $400, pasture 4½ a. $150, Kimball woodland 3 a. $50, Moulton hill lot 2½ a. $75		1925	18 94
Batchelder, Ira D.	1	Cherry	house $600, barn $200 shop $50, granary $50 tillage land 14 a. $1,100 pasture land 35 a. $850 woodland 6 a. $200 tillage, Grapevine st., 6 a. $300 pasture land, Grapevine st., 6 a. $200 Horse Hill woodland 3 a. $125		3675	34 34

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Batchelder, Luther W.	1	Bomer	horse $50, carriage $50 house $900, barn $300 2 sheds $100, house lot 1 a. $75 pasture land 8 a $175 meadow land 4 a. $50 Elliott woodlot 3 a. $50	$100	$1575	$16 74
Batchelder, Joseph L.	1	Main	2 horses $75, 2 cows $50 house $1,600, barn $400 carriage house $100, ice house $25, shop $25, tillage land 15 a. $1,500, pasture land 6 a. $275, meadow land 2 a. $100 woodland 2¾ a. $100 Sheldon woodland 2 a. $25	125	4150	39 62
Barnes, Thomas M. and Jacob D.			Fowler's Island woodland 4 a. $75			66
Batchelder, Thos. W.	1	Main	stock in trade $300, 5 horses, $375, 1 cow $40, 100 swine $500, fowls $10, carriages $100 house $1,300, barn and slaughter-house $700, henneries $300, house lot 1¾ a. 6400 house lot No. 61 Enon st. 5,000 feet $100	1325	2800	38 30
Batchelder, Josiah F.	1	Main	2 horses $90, fowls $10, carriage $50 house $1,000, barn $800, shed and carriage house $250, hennery $25, tillage land 10 a $1,000, pasture land, 7 a. $275, woodland 5 a. $150	150	3500	34 12
Batchelder, Edmund L.	1	Main				2 00
Beck, William H.	1	Hull	house $250, house lot ½ a. $25		275	4 42
Brewer, Daniel P., Heirs of		Arbor	house $800, barn $200 house lot ¾ a. $175		1175	10 34
Brewer, Henry P.	1	Main	carriage $25	25		2 22
Brewer, Otis D.	1	Arbor	house, $1,150, house lot ½ a. $150		1300	13 44
Bowden, Geo. V.	1	Maple	horse $25, carriages $50 house $1,000. barn $75 tillage land 10 a. $700	75	1775	18 28
Brown, Elnathan D.	1	Main				2 00
Brown, James T., Heirs of		Bomer	house $750, barn $400 shed and tool house $75 hennery $125, tillage land 17 a. $800, pasture land 31 a. $450, meadow 1 a. $25		2625	23 10
Brown, J. Sumner	1	Bomer	5 cows, 1 heifer $175, 2 horses $100, fowls $75	350		5 08
Buckley, Michael	1	Cedar	house $650, barn $150, shop $25 house lot ½ a. $100		925	10 14

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Burchsted, Benj. F.	1	Hull	house $300, house lot 2 a. $75		$375	$5 30
Burchsted, Benj.F.,Jr.	1	Hull				2 00
Burnham, Simon P.	1	Larch	2 horses $75, 3 cows $75 ½ house $550, ½ barn $125 shop and dwelling house $300, tillage land 1 a. $100	$150	1075	12 78
Burnham, Irving L.	1	Larch	Wm. P. Dodge house lot 1 a. $100		100	2 88
Burke, Israel W.	1	Grape-vine	Horse $50, 2 cows, 1 heifer $75	125		3 10
Burns, Robt. D.	1	Cherry	house $1,250, barn $350 hennery $50, house lot ¾ a. $225		1875	18 50
Bernhardt, Henry	1	Main				2 00
Brock, Justin	1	off Larch	horse $50	50		2 44
Betts, Aliden W.	1	Main				2 00
Bixby, Chas. W.	1	Maple	2 horses $75, 6 cows, 1 heifer $190, fowls $35	300		4 64
Brown, Chas. C.	1	Waln't				2 00
Brooks, Fred H.	1	Maple	horse $50, carriage $50	100		2 88
Bowden, A. Ray	1	Maple	horse $25	25		2 22
Bowen, Joshua T.		Salem	house, Main st. (J. C. Richards) $750, house lot ½ a. $200		950	8 36
C						
Cass, James W.	1	Bomer	horse $50 house $400, barn and shed $250, hennery $50 house lot 1 a. $125	50	825	9 70
Caves, Horace S.	1	Cherry	house $2,400, barn $200, shed $50, house lot 1 a. $250		2900	27 52
Caves, John	1	Cherry	cow $25 tillage land 2 a. $500	25	500	6 62
Clark, Elmer E.	1	Arbor	horse $75, carriage $50 house $950, barn $350 shed and carriage house $150, house lot 1 a. $250	125	1700	18 06
Clark, Otis A.	1	Arbor	horse $75	75		2 66
Crowley, Daniel J.	1	Main				2 00
Clark, Jason		Main	house $1,200, barn $250 shop $50, house lot 1 a. $350		1850	18 28
Clark, Myron A.	1	Main	3 carriages $100	100		2 88
Clough, Austin B.	1	Main	Rufus A. Dodge land ¼ a. $75		75	2 66
Cole, Zachariah	1	Larch	2 horses $150, 12 cows $425 house $1.800, barn $800, car- riage house $125, hennery $75, tillage land 20 a. $2,000 pasture land 12 a. $450 meadow land 4 a. $100 woodland 2 a. $50	575	5400	54 58
Cole, Frank	1	Larch				2 00
Conant, Heirs of John P.			house, Dodge st., $1,100 barn $200, tillage land 2 a. $200 woodland 4 a. $100		1600	14 08

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Conant, Benj. H.	1	Main	house $1,000, barn $200 shop $50, house lot 1 a. $350		$1600	$16 08
Congregational Society			house off Main st., $1,500 barn $200, house lot 1½ a. $300		2000	17 60
Cook, Henry A.	1	Cherry				2 00
Cook, Nancy			house, Cherry st., $500 barn, $100, house lot 3 a. $400		1000	8 80
Cook, Samuel S.	1	Maple	2 horses $75,1 cow,1 heifer $40, fowls $10, carriage $25 house $800, 2 barns $400, tool house $50 tillage land, (house lot) 4 a. $300 Evans land 5 a. $275 Kimball pasture 40 a. $525 meadow land 2 a. $25 woodland near Danvers line 4 a. $50	$150	2425	24 66
Cook, Stephen	1	Maple	horse $30, cow $35 carriage $35 house $750, barn $175 shed $50, shop $50 house lot 3 a. $225 meadow land 1½ a. 25	100	1275	14 10
Cook, Chester S.	1	Maple				2 00
Colder, Arthur R.	1	Arbor				2 00
Currier, Stephen G.	1	Main	fowls $25, carriage $75 house $1,700, barn $350 wheelwright's shop $100 hennery $50,house lot 1½ a. $450	100	2650	26 20
Clarke, George G.	1	Arbor				2 00
Cook, Wm. H.	1	Enon avenue	house $1,000, house lots Nos. 10 and 11, 20,800 ft., $250		1250	13 00
Cunningham, Thos.	1	Waln't	2 horses $300, 2 cows $100 4 carriages $400, furniture and silver $1,000 house $7.500, stable $1,700, house lot 6 a. $1,800 Ezra Dodge land 13 a. $1,300	1800	12300	126 08
Cornning, Austin	1	Dodge				2 00
Cole, James F.	1	Grape vine				2 00
Cole, Addie P.		Larch	2 horses $300 Nicholas Dodge house, Grape-vine st., $850, barn $250, tillage land 7 a. $500, pasture 10 a. $200, house lot 2 a. $200	300	2000	20 24
Cummings, Wm. S.			Homan woodland 3 a. $25 woodland 7 a. $75		100	88
D						
Davis, Israel W.	1	Larch				2 00

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Day, Ivory, Heirs of		Grape-vine	house, Grapevine st., $100, barn $100, shop $50, house lot 3 a. $100		$350	$3 08
Day, Winslow	1	Grape-vine				2 00
Dempsey, Henry H.	1	Arbor	4 horses $550	$550	3375	36 54
			house $1,800, barn and stable $650, blacksmith shop $500, house lot 1 a. $300, shop lot ¼ a. $75, woodland 3½ a. $50			
Dodge, Wm. P.	1	Larch	2 shares P. S. & P. R. R. $300, 3 horses $275, 8 cows $275, 2 oxen $115, 2 swine $10, 2 carriages $100, engine, boiler and cider presses $700	1775	9600	102 10
			house $1,300, 2 barns $1,000, new barn $550, woodshed $100, granary $50, cider building $750, old cider building $100			
			carriage and store house $100			
			tillage land 39 a. $2,725, pasture land 28½ a. $600, meadow land 20 a. $550, Lee			
			woodland 3½ a. $50, Isaac Porter pasture land 3½ a. $75, Safford land 6 a. $450			
			Marshall land 3 a. $250, woodland 8 a. $150, Wm. B. Dodge land 22 a. $750, Simeon Dodge barn yard $50			
Dodge, Allen W.	1	Arbor	house $400, house lot, ¼ a. $100		500	6 40
Dodge, Augustus, Heirs of			house, Larch st., $1,450, barn $600, wood and carriage house $200, hennery $25, tillage land 12 a. $1,000, pasture land 15 a. $350, meadow land 5 a. $100, woodland 10 a. $250		3975	34 98
Dodge, Elbridge A.	2	Cherry	1 horse $85, 5 cows, 2 heifers $200, 4 sheep $25, fowls $15	350	2975	33 26
			carriage $25			
			house $900, barn $400			
			shed and carriage house $100			
			shop $25, hennery $25			
			buildings from Ober estate $25, tillage land 12 a. $625, pasture land 38 a. $725			
			peat meadow (Gage land) 1 a. $25, woodland (Gage land) 12 a. $125			
Dodge, Francis M.	1	Larch	2 horses $125, 8 cows $275	525	5625	56 12
			2 carriages $125			
			house $2,500, barn $900			

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Dodge, Francis M.			woodhouse $200, hennery $50, tillage land 17 a. $1,375, pasture land 19 a. $350, woodland 4½ a. $150, woodland from estate of Lydia Curtis 2 a. $100			
Dodge, Jacob E.	1	Larch	tillage land 3 a. $300 woodland 4½ a. $150, woodland from estate of Lydia Curtis 2 a. $100		$550	$6 84
Dodge, Geo. F.	1	Larch	3 horses $375, 8 cows $275 fowls $25, 2 carriages $150 house $1,600, 2 barns $650 shed and woodhouse $100 granary $25, hennery $100 tillage land 20 a. $1,500 pasture land 35 a. $1,850 woodland 6 a. $250, meadow land 6 a. $125	$825	6200	63 82
Dodge, James L.		Pleasant	house $450, barn $275 house lot ½ a. $50, tillage land 4 a. $200, peat meadow 1 a. $25		1000	8 80
Deven, Elleck	1	Larch				2 00
Dodge, Chas. E.	1	Friend				2 00
Dudley, Chas. F.	1	Main				2 00
Dodge, Robert F.	1	Chebacco	2 horses $100, 18 cows $600 fowls $25, carriages $100 house $1,400. barn $800, woodhouse $200, carriage house $125 tillage land 30 a. $1,800 pasture land 24 a. $475 meadow land 15 a. $350 woodland 20 a. $350	825	5500	57 66
Dodge, John K.	1	Grapevine	cash assets $1,500, horse $50, 8 cows $285, fowls $15 house $1,000, barn $750 shed and carriage house $50 wagon house $25, hennery $25, Hull dwelling house $800 Hull barn $50 tillage land 5 a. $500 home pasture land 2 a. $75 Burchsted tillage land 11 a. $700, Hull land 8 a. $150 meadow land 3 a. $75 woodland 13 a. $650	1850	4850	60 96
Dodge, Simeon, Jr.	1	Friend	house $800, shop $25, house-lot ¼ a. $75 Wm. E. Porter land $25		925	10 14
Dodge, Mary F.			house, Chebacco st., $200 house lot, 1 a. $50		250	2 20

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Dodge, Ezra, Heirs of			sheep pasture, off Grapevine st. 28 a. $900		$900	$7 92
Durgin, John I., Heirs of			house, Main st., $1,800, barn, $600, shed and carriage house $300, henneries $100 house lot 1½ a. $500		3300	29 04
Durgin, Horace E.	1	Main	1 horse $100, fowls $75 carriage $50, stock in trade $225 blacksmith shop $550 shop lot ¼ a. $100	$450	650	11 68
Dodge, John T.	1	Main	1 horse $50	50		2 44
Doame, D. Howard	1	Arbor				2 00
E						
Edwards, Frank		N.Beverly	woodland 7½ a. $550 Rocky Hill pasture land $300		850	7 48
Eaton, Henry L.	1	Main				2 00
Eaton, Mrs. Mary A.			house, Main st., $1,700, barn and shed $1,000, granary $50. hennery $50, house lot 1 a. $350, tillage land, Perkins st., 3 a. $600, woodland 9 a. $125		3875	34 10
Elliott, Chas. F.	1	Arbor	horse $100, carriage $75 house $1,300, stable and carpenter shop $600 house lot 1 a. $275	175	2175	22 68
Evans, Samuel K.	1	Main	house $1,550, house lot ½ a. $150, woodland (Fowler's Island) 2 a. $75, Batchelder woodland 3½ a. $100		1875	18 50
Evans, Alice			house, cor. Main and Enon sts., $1,300, house lot ¼ a. $100		1400	12 32
F						
Folsom, Chas. W.	1	Main				2 00
Flynn, Wm. H.	1	Main				2 00
Fisk, Harriett, Estate of			house, Main st., $1,100, barn $200, house lot ¼ a. $100		1400	12 32
Flint, John F.		Cherry	house $400, barn $100, tillage land 6 a. $250, pasture land 10 a. $150		900	7 92
Flewelling, Alfred D.	1	Burley	fowls $50 house $400, barn $325, shed $25, shop $25, hennery $150, brooder house $50, house lot 2 a. $125	50	1100	12 12
G						
Gentlee, Mrs. John			house, Grapevine st., $800, barn $150, shed and work shop $200, hennery $50, tillage 12 a. $450 pasture land 15 a. $200 woodland 25 a. $250 meadow land 16 a. $300		2400	21 12

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Gentlee, John T.	1	Grape-vine				$2 00
Gould, Nath. S., Est.		Main	house $1,750, barn and shed $375, hennery $25, house lot 1 1-16 a. $375, factory land 1-5 a. $50		$2575	22 66
Gould, Amos	1	Main	horse $75, carriage $50, machinery $300	$425	1200	16 30
			factory building $1,200			
Garvin, Thomas, Heirs of			house, Main st., $1,000, barn $250, house lot 1 a. $300		1550	13 64
Guild, Wm. S.	1	Cherry	cow $25	25	625	7 72
			house $400, barn $100			
			house lot 1 a. $125			
Glavin, Timothy F.	1	Perkins				2 00
Glavin, Mary L.			house, Perkins st., $300, barn $300, store house $100, granary $25, hennery $25, house lot 1 a. $250		1000	8 80
Gray, Barbor	1	Cherry	horse $50	50	200	4 20
			woodland from D. C. Smith and Gage estate 12 a. $200			
Gilbert, Chas. W.	1	Cherry				2 00
H						
Henry, Mrs. Mary R.		Dodge	house $900, (exempt $500)		400	3 52
Homan, Daniel E.		Arbor	house $900, barn $200, house lot ¾ a. $225, woodland 2 a. $25		1500	13 20
			Gould woodland 2 a. $50			
			Parsons woodland 2 a. $50			
			Morgan woodland 2 3-5 a. $50			
Homan, Dan'l A.	1	Cedar	house $400, shed $25, house lot ½ a. $100		525	6 62
Homan, Geo. E.	1	Cedar				2 00
Homan, Wm. F.	1	Arbor				2 00
Hadlock, Wm. E.	1	Larch				2 00
Hadlock, Peter H.	1	Larch				2 00
Hall, Joanna C.			house, Cherry st., $875, shed $100, house lot 1¾ a. $325		1300	11 44
Hall, Edward C.	1	Cherry	horse $50, carriage $50	100		2 88
Harrigan, Dennis, Heirs of			house $900, barn $200, house lot 2 a. $400		1500	13 20
Higgins, John W.	1	Grape-vine	money at interest $200, 1 cow $25	225		3 98
Higgins, Timothy	1	Grape-vine	horse $65, cow $35	100		2 88
Higgins, Wm.		Grape-vine	house $300, barn $150, new house $500, shed and shop $50, tillage land 6½ a. $300, pasture land 5 a. $75, woodland 6¼ a. $150		1525	13 42
Hall, Howard W.	1	Cherry				2 00

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Hobbs, Amos F.	1	Main	1 horse $50. carriages $100, house $1500, barn and shed $550, hennery $50, house lot 3 a. $1,000	$150	$3100	$30 60
Hobbs, Henry	1	Main	house $1,400, barn $300, harness shop $300, hennery $50, house lot 1¾ a. $400, Brown wood lot 1 a. $25		2475	23 78
Hodgden, Leander F.	1	Maple	1 cow, 2 heifers $75 horse $35, fowls $15 house $800, barn $225, hennery $25, tillage land 20 a. $1,200 pasture 21 a. $400	125	2650	26 42
Hawkins, Samuel H.	1	Hull				2 00
Hinman, Chas. G.			house off Bomer st. $700, barn $350, henneries $150 tillage 6 a. $500, Isaac Porter land ½ a. $50		1750	15 40
Haskell, Joseph T.	1	Bomer	1 horse $75, 1 cow, 2 heifers $75, fowls $25 house $600, barn $200, hennery $25, tillage land 4 a. $250, pasture 14 a. $350	175	1425	16 08
Harrigan, Arthur M.	1	Larch				2 00
Herrick, Chas. F.	1	Bomer	horse $25 house $500, house lot 1 a. $100	25	600	7 50
Hill, Samuel M.	1	Friend	6 horses $500, engine, boiler and hoisting apparatus, $600 4,000 tons ice $1,000 house, Main st., $1,200, 2 barns $650 blacksmith shop $50, shed $50 4 ice houses $1,300 house lot, Main st., 1 a. $350 ice house land ¾ a. $150	2100	3750	53 48
Hill, Alva M.	1	Maple	13 cows $425, 2 horses $150, 1 bull $25	600		7 28
Height, Asbury C.	1	Walnut				2 00
Hosmer, Oscar	1	Arbor				2 00
Hosmer, Oscar, and Doame, D. Howard			horse $125, cow $50 house, Arbor st., $1,000, barn $500 tillage land 8 a. $1,000, pasture land 34 a. $900, Kavanagh pasture land 4 a. $300	175	3700	34 10
J						
Johnson, Abbott	1	Main	2 cows $75 house $1,100, barn $150, shop $25, house lot 3 a. $900	75	2175	21 80
Johnson, Mrs. Jane			house $600, barn $200 store building $100 house lot 1 a. $75 (exempt $500)		475	4 18

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Johnson, Frank T.	1	Grape-vine	6 cows $200, horse $50 Cyrus Tuttle building off Grape-vine st. $50 Cyrus Tuttle house lot 1 a. $50	$250	$100	$5 08
Jones, Warren	1	Cherry	h use $500, barn $150 house lot ¾ a. $200		850	9 48
Jones, Geo. W.	1	Cedar	horse $75, carriage $25 house $1,100, house lot ½ a. $100 Batchelder woodland 5 a. $125 woodland 6 a. $75 Cook woodland 2 a. $25	100	1425	15 42
Jones, Patrick			house, Perkins st., $1,900, barn $600, house lots on Perkins st. and Porter st. extension 5½ a. $1250		3750	33 00
K						
Kavanagh, Jeremiah	1	Main	carriage $75 house $1,700, barn and shed $400, Choate house, Friend st. $1,500, barn, Friend st., $100 woodhouse and shed $75 house, No. 1 Friend st., $800 house, No. 2 Friend st., $1,100 new barn, Friend st., $200 house lot, Main st., $300 Choate house lot ½ a. $150 2 house lots with new houses ½ a. $250	75	6575	60 52
Kavanagh, Patrick H.	1	Ma n	cash assets $500 carriage $50 Kimball house, Main st., $650 new house $900 house lot ½ a. $200 Hadley land, on Arbor st., 10 a. $500 Southwick and Homan woodland 4 a. $50 Hadley meadow land 6 a. $150	550	2450	28 40
Kavanagh, James E.	1	Main	1 horse $100, carriage $75	175		3 54
Kavanagh, John A.	1	Main				2 00
Kent, Joseph G., Heirs of			1 cow $35, 2 horses $50 fowls $15, carriage $25 house, Maple st., $1,050 barn $450, woodshed $75 shed and carriage house $50 hennery $50 tillage land 13 a. $850 pasture land 17 a $350 woodland 32 a. $500	125	3375	30 80
Kent, Joseph F.	1	Maple	money at interest $1,000	1000		10 80
Killam, Chas. O., Heirs of			house, Dodge st. $800, barn $200 Spiller barn $100, tillage land 5 a. $300, past. land 14 a. $250		1650	14 52

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Killam, Horace A.	1	Walnut	Henry Dodge meadow land 5 a. $100		$100	$2 88
Killam, Lewis	1	off Grape vine	horse $50, cow $25 house $600, barn $100 house lot 3 a. $300	$75	1000	11 46
Killam, Geo. H.	1	Cherry	house $700, shed $50 house lot 1 a. $175		925	10 14
Killam, Jos. F.		Beverly	hotel building, Masasoit Park $2000 house, Enon st., $1,000 land with hotel 1¼ a. $150 lot No. 12 with house, Enon st., 10,056 ft. $125 lots Nos. 1, 2 and 3, on Main st., 24,860 ft. $300 lots on Enon st.,Nos. 19, 48, 49, 50, 51, 62, 63, 64, 36,198 ft. $400		3975	34 98
Kimball, Walter	1	Main				2 00
Kimball, Edward L.	1	Bomer	6 cows $200, 2 horses $125 1 bull $25, 2 oxen $100 house $500, barn $550 new house $1.000 tillage land 8 a. $400 pasture land 27 a. $800 woodland 7 a. $450	450	3700	38 52
Kimball, Chas. E.	1	Bomer	1 horse $50, carriages $50	100		2 88
Kimball, Elbridge, Heirs of			cash assets $1,000 house, Main st., $1,700 barn $700, small building $25 tillage land 17½ a. $2,000 land on Bomer st., 14 a. $400 woodland 4 a. $100	1000	4925	52 14
Kimball, Mary W., Heirs of			house, Main st., $3,500, 2 barns $800 land on east side of Main st., 8 a. $2,300, land on west side of Main st., 7½ a $1,650		8250	72 60
Kimball, Edmund, Heirs of			house, Main st., $1,600, barn $250 shed $50, house lots 3 a. $800		2700	23 76
Kimball, Wm. P.	1	Main	2 cows $75	75		2 66
Kimball, Solomon E.		Newburyport	house, Maple st., $1,150 barn $350, shop $50 henneries $75 tillage land 13 a. $800 pasture land 20 a. $450 woodland 17 a. $300		3175	27 94
Kimball, Clarence E.	1	Main	2 horses $125, carriage $75	20		3 76
Knowlton, Sargent M	1	Pleasant	16 cows $525, 3 horses $175 house $700, barn $300, woodshed and carriage house $50 tillage land 13 a. $400 pasture 27 a. $300	700	182	24 22

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Knowlton, Sargent M.			meadow land 1¾ a. $25 old orchard land ½ a. $50			
Kimball, Henry W.	1	Arbor	house $700, house lot ½ a. $150		$850	$9 48
Kinsman, Albert S.	1	Bomer				2 00
Kinsman, Chas. A.	1	Bomer	Mushroom house	$150		3 32
Kidder, Amos. M.	1	Walnut	cash assets and income $8,000 5 horses $650 carriages $500, harnesses $150 furniture and silver $1,000 house $16,000, stable $4,000 Zachariah Cole land 9 a. $3,000 Ezra Dodge land 3½ a. $1,200	10300	24200	305 60
Knowlton, Fred S.	1	Pleasant				2 00
L						
Lord, Levi S.	1	Cherry	2 horses $150 house $800, barn $400 house lot 1 a. $250 peat meadow 1 a. $25	150	1475	16 30
Low, Jeremiah, Heirs of			house, off Larch st., $1,800 barn $700, woodhouse $200 granary $75 tillage land 37 a. $3,200 pasture 40 a. $1,800 meadow land 4 a. $200 woodland 10 a. $300		8275	72 82
Lovett, Francis S.	1	Grapevine	2 horses $100, cow $25 carriage $25	150		3 32
Lynch, Mrs. Mary			house, Larch st., $950 tillage 8 a. $675		1625	14 30
Lander, George	1	Porter				2 00
Lyford, Taylor C.	1	Cherry				2 00
Leonard, Otis	1	Main				2 00
M						
Merrill Francis W., Heirs of			house, Main st., $1,400 barn $300, shop $50 house lot 3½ a. $700		2450	21 56
Merrill, Geo. F.	1	Larch	house $550, barn $100 house lot ½ a. $100		750	8 60
Merrill, Lewis E.	1	Cherry	house, Larch st., $800 barn $300, shop $50 house lot 1 a. $300		1450	14 76
Merrill, Harrison R.	1	Cherry	house $950, barn $275 woodhouse $50, shop $25 house lot 1 a. $250		1550	15 64
Merrill, Chas. L.	1	Main	horse $25, carriage $25	50		2 44
Meldram, Alden	1	Main	horse $50, carriage $25 house $900, barn $200 shop $50, house lots 1 a. $400	75	1550	16 30
Magee, Frank A.	1	Walnut	cash assets and income $6,000 3 horses $350, 2 cows $75	7825	17450	224 42

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Magee, Frank A.			carriages $400 furniture and silver $1,000 house $13,000, stable $1,300 shed $150 tillage land 10 a. $3,000			
Morrill, Philip	1	Grape-vine	house $500, barn $350, shop $150, house lot 1½ a. $100		$1100	$11 68
Moulton, Henry A.	1	Friend	house $1,000, woodshed $25 house lot ½ a. $150 meadow land 2 a. $25		1200	12 56
Moulton, John W. L.	1	Maple	2 horses $150, cow $35 fowls $35, carriages $55 house $900, barn $300 hennery $100 house lot 2 a. $250	$275	1550	18 06
Morgan, Wm. B.	1	Maple	2 houses $1,100, barn $600 shop $50, henneries $100 tillage land 13 a. $800 pasture 18 a. $300 Jacob Dodge meadow 12 a. $200		3200	30 16
Moulton, Clarence O.	1	off Maple	7 cows $250, 2 horses $125 carriages $75, fowls $100 house $400, barn $750 shed $75, henneries $200 tillage land 26 a. $1,350 pasture land 12 a. $200 meadow land 2 a. $50	525	3025	33 24
McQueeney, Owen E	1	Friend				2 00
McQueeney, Albert E.	1	Friend				2 00
McQueeney, Chas. H.	1	Larch				2 00
Morgan, Luke A.	1	Main				2 00
Moulton, Henry A. 2d	1	off Bomer	5 cows $165, horse $75 carriage $25 fowls $135, hennery $125	525		6 62
Mather, Henry H.			house, Enon st., $1,400 house lots ½ a. $200		1600	14 08
McCullough, John B.	1	Bomer	7 cows $225, 4 horses $250 fowls $25	500		6 40
N						
Norcross, Austin L.	1	Grape-vine	stock in trade $500 4 horses $300, carriage $50	850		9 48
Norcross, Mrs. Julia			house, Grapevine st., $1,200 slaughter house $300 stable $100, house lot 2½ a. $200		1800	15 84
Norris, Geo. E.	1	Main				2 00
Norris, Geo. W.	1	Main				2 00
O						
O'Connor, Patrick O.	1	Main				2 00
Osgood, Walter S.	1	off Maple				2 00

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P						
Patch, Mary G.			house, cor. Main and Larch st., $1,500, barn $300, house lot 1 a. $300 J. J. Gould orchard 1 a. $350		$2450	$21 56
Patch, Austin C.	1	Patch's Court				2 00
Patch, Chas. W.	1	Main	stock in trade $100 8 horses $600, carriage $50 house $1,400, barn $400 carriage house and refrigerator room $350 house lot ½ a. $175	$750	2325	29 06
Patch, Henry, Heirs of			house, Patch's Court, $1,800 barn and slaughter house $700 shed $50, new house $2,000 house lot 5 a. $500 Stearns woodland 12 a. $50 E. D. Trask woodland 5 a. $125		5225	45 98
Patch, Geo. W.	1	Patch's Court	stock in trade $500 2 horses $175, carriages $150	825		9 26
Patch, Chas. W., Geo. W., and Austin C.			Smith woodland 6 a. $50 Porter woodland 8 a. $125		175	1 54
Peabody, Geo. W., Estate of			2 horses $75, cow $25 house, cor. Maple and Burley sts., $800, barn $250 tillage land 6 a. $350 meadow land 5 a. $100 pasture land 5 a. $100	100	1600	14 96
Peabody, Geo. W., Jr.	1	Maple	house $600, henneries $50 house lot and tillage land 4 a. $200 woodland 2 a. $75		925	10 14
Perkins, Alonzo C.	1	Arbor	stock in trade $100 2 horses $100, carriage $50 house $1,400, house lot ½ a. $150	250	1550	17 84
Perkins, Daniel, Estate of			house, Arbor st, $700 part of stable $100 woodshed $100 tillage land 8 a. $750 pasture land 5 ½ a. $200		1850	16 28
Perkins, Chas. W.	1	Arbor	2 horses $175 house $1,000 house lot ½ a. $100	175	1100	13 22
Perkins, Geo. E.	1	Arbor				2 00
Perkins, Geo. H.	1	Main	stock in trade $500 3 horses $350, carriages $125 house $2,450, house lot 1 a. $350	975	2800	35 22
Perkins, Frank E.	1	Main	4 horses $275, 2 cows $75 carriages $175 house, Main st., $2,000 barn and slaughter house $1,000 house, Friend st., $1,100	525	5725	57 00

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Perkins, Frank E.			woodhouse $100, 2 house lots. Main st., 2 a. $700, J. H. Perkins land, Perkins st., 5¾ a $575, house lot, Friend st., ⅓ a. $125, unoccupied house-lot, Friend st., ⅓ a. $50, Perkins and Dodge woodland 4 a. $75			
Perkins, James H.	1	Main	house $1,400 barn and slaughter house $800 carriage house $150 hennery $25 small carriage house $25 house lot ¾ a. $250 Batchelder woodland 1¾ a. $50		$2700	$25 76
Perkins, James H., Jr.	1	Main	stock in trade $400 house $2,000 house lot ¾ a. $300 Batchelder woodland 1¾ a. $50 Fowler Island woodlot 1 a. $25	$400	2375	26 42
Perkins, Nath'l P.	1	Burley	10 cows $325, 4 horses $200 carriages $175 house $1,750, barn $700 shed and carriage house $125 hennery $25, granary $25, new shed $175, tillage land 28 a. $1,600, pasture land 20 a. $400, meadow land 10 a. $175 woodland 10 a. $150	700	5125	53 26
Pingree, David	1	Walnut	cash assets $1,000 5 cows, 2 heifers $200 2 horses $75, carriages $75 house $1,600. 2 barns $700 shed and carriage house $400 piggery $100 tillage land 30 a. $2,600 pasture land 28 a. $1,000 meadow land 4 a. $200 woodland (Gage estate) 5 a. $100	1350	6700	72 84
Pingree, Abbie G.			house, Enon Bluff, $600 barn $300 Batchelder land, south of Cedar st., 14 a. $950 land north of Cedar st., 4⅜ a. $150		2000	17 60
Pingree, Abbie G.			Perkins Hill land 6 a. $450		450	3 96
Pingree, Abbie G.			Emerson P. Dodge land 5 a. $500		500	4 40
Plummer, Sam'l T.			house, Cherry st., $1,200 barn $300. house lot ½ a. $200		1700	14 96
Estate of Pool, Wellington	1	Main	1 horse $75. carriage $25 Batchelder woodland 5½ a. $150	100	150	4 20
Porter, Mrs. Lavinia			house, Friend st., $2,000 house lot ½ a. $150		2600	22 88

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Porter, Mrs. Lavinia			pasture and woodland, Cherry st., 27¼ a. $450			
Porter, Elbridge	1	Main	2 horses $100, fowls $15 4 cows $125, carriage $35 house $900, 2 barns $600 carriage house $75 granary $25, henneries $50 tillage land 8½ a. $900 pasture land 17 a. $300 meadow land 3 a. $75 woodland 6½ a. $100	$275	$3025	$31 04
Porter, Isaac	1	Larch	horse $50, carriages $25 house $1,400 barn and carpenter shop $400 woodhouse $50, hennery $25 house, Porter st., $1,000 barn, Porter st., $50 house lot, Larch st., 1 a. $300 land on Porter st , 6½ a. $600 woodland 5 a. $50	75	3875	36 76
Pingree, Mrs. Thos. P.			cash assets $38,500 5 horses $500, 24 cows $800 carriages $500, harnesses $100 furniture and silver $600 house, Main st., $4300 barn $1,200,stable No. 1 $1,000 stable No. 2 $300 tool house $300, hennery $100 F. Peabody house $1,300 F. Peabody barn $350 house, off Larch st., $500 tillage land 37 a. $4,300 pasture land 10 a. $500 meadow land 5 a. $200 F. Peabody house lot 3 a. $900 Geo. W. Dodge land (Polo field) 10 a. $2,000 Cummings land 1¾ a. $200	41000	17450	514 36
Porter, Herbert W.	1	Larch	1 horse $100, carriage $75	175		3 54
Porter, E. Nelson	1	Main				2 00
Porter, Fred F.	1	Main	4 cows $125, 2 horses $150 carriage $50	325		4 86
Porter, Wm. E., Heirs of			house, Main st., $1,100 barn $500 wood and carriage house $100 hennery $25, house lot 1 a. $300 pasture land 6 a. $225 tillage land 8 a. $800 5 house lots on Main st., 5 a. $1,000 Batchelder land 1 a. $75 woodland 5 a. $75 meadow land 4 a. $50		4250	37 40

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Preston, Dan'l W.	1	Grape-vine	5 cows $150, horse $75 house $1,000, barn $350 tillage land 6 a. $300 pasture land 6 a. $200 woodland 5a. $125 Preston woodland 2 a. $50	$225	$2025	$21 80
Prince, Sam'l R.	1	Larch	stock in trade $1,000 36 cows $1,200, 7 horses $525 2 oxen $125, 16 swine $90 fowls $85, carriages $150 house $1,100, slaughter house and barn $950 shed and carriage house $100 shed and store house opposite barn, $400 granary $25, henneries $100 tillage land 23 a. $1,500 land on Grapevine st., 3 a. $150 Frank Edwards land 2 a. $100	3175	4425	68 88
Prince, Henry A.	1	Larch				2 00
Prince, Frank R.	1	Larch				2 00
Prince, Arthur D.	1	Larch				2 00
Prince, Sidney K.	1	Larch				2 00
Putnam, Asa T.	1	Grape-vine	2 horses $100, 9 cows $300	400		5 52
Putnam, Walter S.	1	Grape-vine				2 00
Plaisted, Frank W.		Bev-erly	house, Cherry st., $850 barn $550 hennery and shed $100 tillage land 13 a. $775 pasture land 5 a. $100 woodland 1 a. $25		2400	21 12
Power, Hannah S.			house, Grapevine st., $900 barn $150,shed $25,hennery $25 tillage land 5½ a. $400 pasture land 12 a. $175		1675	14 96
Pierce, Geo. W.	1	Cherry	1 horse $50, 2 cows $75 house $950, barn $400 shop $50, granary $25 woodhouse $50, hennery $50 tillage land 7 a. $650 pasture land 4½ a. $275 Cape Fair lot 6 a. $125 woodland 3 a. $50	125	2625	26 20
Peach, John F.	1	Friend				2 00
Perkins, Fred F.		Bev-erly	house, Main st., $2,100 barn and carriage house $800 house lot 1¾ a. $600		3500	30 08
Perkins, Geo. A.	1	Burley				2 00
Pickett, James B.	1	Main	2 horses $175, carriages $200	375		5 30
Preston, Geo. W.	1	Maple	horse $90, fowls $50 carriage $35, henneries $75	250		4 20

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Peabody, Geo. A.	1	off Larch	5 horses $700, carriages $500 furniture and silver $1,000	$2200		$21 36
Pulsifer, Harry	1	Main				2 00
Power, Ephraim	1	Grape-vine				2 00
Q						
Quinby, Ivory	1	Main	2 horses $100, carriage $50 house $2,400, barn $800 2 house lots 2 a., Main t., $700 tillage land 2 a. $200 Foster land, Arbor st., 3½ a. $650	150	$4750	45 12
Quinby, Benj. C.	1	Arbor	house $1,200		1200	12 56
Quinby, Susan C. Guardian for Eliza F., Mary J., and Chas. T.			Atkinson, Topeka and Santa Fe R. R. bonds	1500		13 20
R						
Richards, John C.	1	Main				2 00
Roberts, Hiram L.	1	Bomer	4 cows $140, horse $25 carriage $35 house $850, barn $550 old barn $200, shed $50 tillage land 7½ a. $550 pasture land 18 a. $550 Isaac Porter land 5 a. $425 Caleb Gage land 4 a. $250 woodland 4 a. $50 woodland 3 a. $75 Elmer H. Dodge woodland 2 a. $50	200	3600	35 44
Roundy, John R.	1	Cedar	½ house $600, barn $150 tillage land 4½ a. $250 pasture land ¾ a. $50		1050	11 24
Rollins, Edward L.	1	Friend	house $1100, barn $150 shed and carriage house $100 house lot ⅓ a. $125 unoccupied house lot ⅓ a. $125		1600	16 08
Rollins, Jonas M.	1	Friend	2 horses $200, cow $50 Rhoda Kimball woodland 4 a. $50	250	50	4 64
Russell, Herbert H.	1	Cherry	horse $50, 4 cows $125 fowls $25	200		3 76
Russell, T. Clarkson	1	Dodge	horse $50	50		2 44
Robbins, Mary R.		Main	carriage $100	100		88
Rogers, Mrs. Caroline			house, Main st., $1,400 barn $300, house lot 1 a. $300 woodland 1 a. $25		2025	17 82
Rogers, Geo. W.	1	Main	2 horses $100	100		2 88
Rogers, Mrs. E. A.		Main	5 cows $175	175		1 54

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S						
Stillman, Henry D.	1	Grape-vine	2 horses $200, carriage $50 Dodge woodland 5 a. $125	$250	$125	$5 30
Stillman, Geo. W.	1	Hull	2 horses $200, carriage $50 house $1,200, barn $200 house lot ½ a. $100	250	1500	17 40
Sullivan, Michael	1	Per-kins	15 cows $500, 2 horses $150 house $350, barn $500 shed $75, tillage land 7½ a. $800 tillage and meadow land, Maple st, 15 a. $600 woodland, off Maple st., 15 a. $250	650	2575	30 38
Sargent, John R.	1	Arbor	2 horses $100 house $400, barn $200 small house $150 house lot ½ a. $150	100	900	10 80
Stanton, Arthur C.	1	Friend	house, No. 1 Friend st., $800 shed under windmill $75 house, No. 2 Friend st., $800 3 house lots ⅓ a. each $300		2000	19 60
Standley, Augustus, Heirs of			house $400, barn $100 house lot $100		600	5 28
Standley, Edward F.	1	Larch	½ house $550, ½ barn $200 house lot ½ a. $100		850	9 48
Standley, Elbridge K	1	Cherry	horse $35, 2 cows $65 house $900, barn $200 tillage land 4 a. $250	100	1350	14 76
Standley, Frank A.	1	Pleas-ant	3 horses $100, 2 cows $50 house $500, barn $200 shop $50 tillage land 16 a. $700 pasture land 18 a. $300 woodland 5 a. $100 J. L. Dodge land 3½ a. $75	150	1925	20 26
Stanton, Chas. H.	1	Cedar	house $600, barn $150 small house $100 hennery $50 tillage land 2 a. $200 woodland 3 a. $75		1175	12 34
Stanton, Fred P.	1	Friend	stock in trade $700 2 horses $125 house $1,400, barn $150 house lots 1 5-6 a. $225 Henry Tarr land 2¾ a. $275	825	2050	27 30
Sias, Chas. D.	1	Wal-nut	cash assets and income $20,000 27 horses $3,375, 2 cows $100 carriages $500, harnesses $1,500 furniture and silver $1,000 house $24,000, stable $8,000 Green house, water tank and other buildings $5.000 Osgood house $1,700, barn $550	26475	46150	641 10

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Sias, Chas. D.			Simeon Dodge land 10 a. $3,000 Simeon Dodge meadow land 3 a. $150 Geo. F. Dodge land 2½ a. $750 F. A. Magee land 6 a. $1,500 Osgood tillage land 6 a. $1,500			
Sears, Horace G.	1	Maple	13 cows $425, 3 horses $125 1 bull $25	$575		$7 06
T						
Tarr, Frank H.	1	Main				2 00
Tarr, Mrs. Huldah K.			17 cows $575, 2 horses $175 carriage $50 house, Main st., $1,800 barn $800, shed $100 hennery $50, granary $25 piggery $25 house lots, on Main st., 3 a. $750 tillage land 17 a. $1,700 pasture land 57 a. $1,900 woodland 22 a. $300 meadow land 6 a. $150	800	$7600	73 92
Thompson, Thos., Heirs of			house, Grapevine st., $1,400 barn $500, carriage house $100 hennery $25 tillage land 20 a. $1,200 pasture land 30 a. $625 meadow 12 a. $250		4100	36 08
Thompson, Orin P.	1	Grape-vine				2 00
Tilton, George H.	1	Main	cash assets and income $5,000 2 horses $250, 2 cows $100 carriages and harnesses $600 furniture and silver $500 house $2,700, barn $1,100 new barn $300, shed $250 new shed $125, tool house $100 Herrick house $650 woodhouse $175 tillage land 13 a. $2,500 pasture land 16 a. $625 meadow 1 a. $50 woodland 12 a. $200	6450	8775	135 98
Tilton, Chas. H.		Main	2 horses $250, 2 cows $100 carriages $400 furniture and silver $500 house $5,500, stable $1,800 henneries $350 water tank and apparatus $400 house lot and tillage land 12 a. $3,600 gravel pit land 5 a. $200	1250	11850	115 28
Tiney, John H.	1	Maple	horse $30, cow $35, fowls $10 carriage $25	100	1225	13 66

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Tiney, John H.			house $500, barn $250 shop $50, hennery $25 shed $25 tillage land 4½ a. $275 Wm. Clark land 1½ a. $100			
Tufts, Geo. B., Heirs of			house, Cherry st., $800 barn $200, shop $50 hennery $25 tillage 6 a. $325 pasture land 3 a. $75		$1525	$13 42
Trowt, Asa W., Estate of			land, on Enon st., ½ a. $100 woodland 2 a. $50		150	1 32
Trowt, Andrew D.	1	Main				2 00
Trowt, Wm. F.	1	Main				2 00
Trowt, Merton A.	1	Main				2 00
Trowt, A. D., and W. F.			2 horses $125, carriage $50 stock in trade $1,000 store building $4,000 stable and shed $700 store lot ¾ a. $400	$1175	5100	55 22
Tucker, Wm. T.	1	Main	house lot, Friend st., ¼ a. $50		50	2 44
Tinkham, Ebenezer	2	Perkins	1 horse $50, cow $25 house $650, barn $275 hennery $25 house lots 2 a. $300	75	1250	15 66
Tinkham, John W.	1	Dodge				2 00
Taylor, Frank	1	Main				2 00
Trott, Chas. J.	1	Patch's Court				2 00
W						
Waters, Elizabeth, Heirs of			house, Main st., $3,800 barn $800 hot house building $200 house, near Beverly line, $900 small barn $300 land with house 4 a. $2,500 front land, from Avenue to Beverly line, 8 a. $3,200 pasture land 32 a. $1,600 land, on west side of Main st., $400		13700	120 56
Waters, Richard P.	1	Main	money and stocks $4,000	4000		37 20
Webber, Chas. L.	1	Arbor	house $400, barn $50 shop $25 house lot 1 a. $150		625	7 50
Webber, Eldred	1	Arbor				2 00
Wessel, Joseph		Lynn	house, Bomer st., $1,200 barn $500, woodshed $100 tillage land 26 a. $1,000 pasture land 35 a. $600		3400	29 92
White, Lydia, Heirs of			woodland 10 a. $125		125	1 10

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Ward, Arthur N.	1	off Main	8 shares Concord & Montreal R. R. $1,325	$1325		$13 66
Whiting, Herbert N.	1	Arbor	stock in trade $500 4 horses $250, 1 cow $25 house $900 barn and slaughter house $400 house lot 1½ a. $350	775	1650	23 34
Whiting, Chas. A.	1	Arbor				2 00
Woodman, Chas. E.	1	Friend	2 horses $125 stock in trade $100	225		3 98
Woodman, Milton A.	1	Friend	stock in trade $100, horse $75	175		3 54
White, Elick	1	Enon				2 00
Woodbury, Geo. W.	1	Main	1 horse $75, carriage $25 house $1,500, barn $350 carriage house and shed $75 hennery $50 house lots 3 a. $700	100	2675	26 42
Wilkins, Lydia D.			house $1,300, barn $175 woodshed $50, shop $50 house lot 1 a. $250		1825	16 06
Williams, Addison	1	Grape vine	2 horses $100, 7 cows $225 fowls $25, house $300 house lot ½ a. $50	350	350	8 16
Williams, Mrs. Mehitable			house, Hull st., $1,000 barn $300, house lot 1 a. $100 Cleaves tillage land 6 a. $350 Wyatt land 1 a. $100 Town of Wenham land 10 a. $300 woodland 5 a. $150		2300	20 24
Wilkins, Chas.	1	Larch	8 cows $275, bull $25 2 horses $150, carriages $75 house $1,800, 2 barns $700 shed and woodhouse $200 hennery $100 small house, off Dodge st., $200 tillage land 15 a. $1,050 pasture land 28 a. $1,400 woodland and pasture 15 a. $375 woodland Wenham Neck 1 a. $25	525	5850	58 10
Woodman, Joseph B.	1	Main				2 00
Wyatt, Chas. E., Estate			house, Grapvine st., $400 barn $150. shop $25 house lot 5 a. $300 woodland 5 a. $100		975	8 58
Wyatt, Geo. H.	1	Grape-vine	stock in trade $600 2 horses $200 house and store $1,000 barn $400, house lot 3 a. $300 woodland 4 a. $100	800	1800	24 88

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Williams, Jason L., Heirs of			house, Main st., $950 barn $125, shop $25 house lot 1 a. $350		$1450	$12 76
Williams, Fred A.	1	Arbor				2 00
Williams, John	1	Main				2 00
Wildes, Geo. W.	1	off Larch				2 00
Wilson, Geo. W.	1	Bomer	horse $50, 6 cows $200 fowls $50 house $800, barn $250 tillage land 10 a. $700 pasture land 26 a. $500	$300	2250	24 44
Waitt, Mrs. Dorothy A.			house, Bomer st., $450 barn $100, hennery $50 house lot 1 a. $50		650	5 72
Waitt, Henry	1	Bomer				2 00
Wright, Thomas	1	Larch				2 00
Y						
Young, Alonzo	1	Dodge				2 00
Young, Phillip S., Heirs of			house, Dodge st., $800 barn $200, shop $100 house lot 1 a. $150 Young land 3 a. $150 Choate land 2½ a. $300		1700	14 96
Young, Mrs. Martha C.			house, Main st., $1,000 barn $250 house lot and tillage land 3 a. $600		1850	16 28
Young, Benj. F.	1	Main				2 00

NON-RESIDENTS.

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Beverly.				
Woodbury, Geo. A.	woodland 10 a. $350		$350	$3 08
Trask, Israel, Heirs of	woodland 12 a. $750		750	6 60
Appleton, Hooper A.	woodland 6½ a. $150		150	1 32
Brown, Sulivan, Heirs of	woodland 11 a. $200		200	1 76
Dodge, Jonathan	pasture and woodland 12 a. $225		225	1 98
Dodge, Andrew	woodland 2 a. $75		75	66
Day, Sophronia	pasture and woodland 6 a. $200		200	1 76
Dodge, Isaiah, Heirs of	pasture and woodland 12 a. $250		250	2 20
Dodge, Lucas B.	woodland 6 a. $125		125	1 10
Brown, John B., Heirs of	woodland 4 a. $100		100	88
Elliott, Geo., Heirs of	woodland 5 a. $150		150	1 32
Foster, Sam'l J.	woodland 7 a. $500		500	4 40
Haskell, Paul, Heirs of	woodland 2 a. $50		50	44
Friend, Wm. P.	woodland 2 a. $75		75	66
Edwards, Henry O., Heirs of	tillage land 5 a. $400		400	3 52
Killham, Chas. A., Heirs of	woodland 8 a. $200		200	1 76
Lord, Azor, Heirs of	woodland 4 a. $75		75	66
Meacom, John, Heirs of	woodland 1 a. $25		25	22
Preston, Mary M.	woodland 3½ a. $75		75	66
Moulton, Charles	tillage land, Cherry st., 4 a. $375 pasture land 6 a. $150 woodland 10 a. $150 Young woodland 22 a. $600 Lord woodland 8 a. $150 Snelling & Roberts woodland, 6 a. $75, Brown woodland 8 a. $75 Glines woodland 9 a. $200		1775	15 62
Roberts, Albert	pasture land 4 a. $100		100	88
Preston, Jos. K., Heirs of	woodland 3¼ a. $100		100	88
Loring, Augustus P.	woodland 4 a. $150		150	1 32
Benson, Henry	woodland 2 a. $50		50	44
Young, John H., Heirs of	woodland 4 a. $75		75	66
Kimball, Joel	woodland 3 a. $100 Standley land 5 a. $150		250	2 20
Larcom, Lucy W.	woodland 1½ a.		75	66
Edwards, Geo. H.	tillage land 8 a.		600	5 28
Davis, Thersa A.	woodland 5 a.		150	1 32
Collier, Perry	dwelling house, Cherry st., $1,600 barn $250 tillage and meadow land 19 a. $950 Batchelder woodland 4 a. $100		2900	25 52
Whiteman, Geo. W.	tillage land 4 a. $150		150	1 32
Bell, John, Heirs of	woodland 9 a. $400		400	3 52
Fielder, Geo. F.	woodland 4 a. $100		100	88
Southwick, Edward	woodland 17 a. $425		425	3 74
Foster, Ezra S., Heirs of	tillage land 1¼ a. $100		100	88
Preston, Ezra K.	woodland 1 a. $25		25	22
Porter, Adoniram	woodland 9 a. $150		150	1 32
Dodge, Levi, Heirs of	meadow and woodland 20 a. $650		650	5 72
Phillips, John C., Heirs of	pasture and woodland 7 a. $575 Waters land 15 a. $1,200		1775	15 62
Haskell, Alvin	woodland on Horse Hill 2 a. $50		50	44

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Davis, Ira, Heirs of	woodland 6 a. $100		$100	$ 88
Elliott, Chas.	house, on Arbor st., $1,250		1450	12 76
	house lot ½ a. $150			
	woodland 2 a. $50			
Standley, Isaac, Heirs of	woodland 2 a. $50		50	44
Batchelder, Wm.	woodland 2 a. $25		25	22
Morrill, Eben K.	meadow land 4 a. $200		200	1 76
Lamson, Mrs. G. W.	woodland 10 a. $400		400	3 52
Wilson, Henry, Heirs of	pasture land 6 a. $300		300	2 64
Lovett, Edward B.	house, Grapevine st., $550		900	7 92
	barn and shed $175			
	house lot 1 a. $100			
	tillage and meadow land 1½ a. $125			
Smith, David	1 horse at J. Sumner Brown's, $100	$800	3000	33 44
	engine, boiler and hoisting apparatus $700			
	5 ice houses, Cedar st., $2750			
	shed $50, ice house land ¼ a. $150			
	Batchelder land, north side Cedar st., 1½ a. $50			
Goldsmith, Nathan	Gage pasture land, Cherry st., 7 a. $375		375	3 30
Wyatt, Edward E.	barn and slaughter house, Grapevine st, $600		800	7 04
	tillage land 2 a. $125			
	woodland 2 a. $75			
Dodge, Elizabeth C., Heirs of	1-10 house $50, 1-10 house lot ⅝ a. $25		75	66
Dodge, J. Clifford	woodland from estate of Lydia Curtis 2 a $100		100	88
Haskell, Ulysses G.	house near Wenham lake $450		600	5 28
	2 house lots Nos. 27, 28, 6,180 ft., $150			
Putnam & Pope	3 house lots, Enon st., Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14,200 ft. $300		300	2 64
Webber, Wm. G., 2nd	house lot, Enon st., No. 39, 5,000 ft. $100		100	88
Ginavan, David	house lot, Enon st., No. 40, 5,000 ft. $100		100	88
Ober, Andrew M.	house lots, Enon, st., Nos. 53, 55, 57, 21,000 ft. $300		300	2 64
Ober, Wm. F.	house lots, Enon st., Nos. 52, 54, 56, 58, 27,500 ft. $350		350	3 08
Crosby, Freeman	house lots, Enon st., Nos. 59, 60, 14,000 ft. $200		200	1 76
Killam, Oliver F.	house lots, Enon st., Nos. 14, 15, 16, 18, 23,448 ft. $500		500	4 40
Appleton, Joseph F.	house lots, Enon st., Nos. 23, 24, 25, 26, 20,000 ft. $400		400	3 52
White, Jerry	house lots, Enon st., Nos. 1, 2, 9,800 ft. $200		200	1 76
Lovett, Wm.	house lots, Enon st., Nos. 43, 44, 10,000 ft., $200		200	1 76

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Ober, Theodore	house lots, Enon st., Nos. 45 and 46, 10,000 ft., $200		$200	$1 76
Lunt, Albert	house lot, No. 36 Enon st., 5000 ft., $100		100	88
Pickett, Charles	house lot, No. 38 Enon st., 5000 ft., $100		100	88
Kelman, Mrs. M. E.	house lots, Nos. 35 and 42 Enon st., 10,000 ft., $200		200	1 76
Lefavor, Fred	house lot, No. 31 Enon st., 5000 ft., $100		100	88
Charlestown.				
Gage, Addison, & Co.	boiler in engine house near Wenham lake $300 house, Main st,, $1800, stable $1800 new shed $50, woodhouse and hennery $50, engine house $400 tillage, west of Main st., 17¾ a. $1,800 land, east of Main st., 1½ a. $350	$300	6250	57 64
Danvers.				
Boardman, Horace W.	woodland 4 a. $75		75	66
Brown, Samuel C., Heirs of	peat meadow 1 a. $25		25	22
Brown, John, Heirs of	woodland 5 a. $125		125	1 10
Dodge, Elnathan, Heirs of	woodland 4 a. $75		75	66
Fowler, Augustus, Heirs of	woodland 4 a. $100		100	88
Proctor, Nathan T.	pasture land 11 a. $300		300	2 64
Putnam, Henry A.	meadow land 5 a. $100		100	88
Sears, John A., Heirs of	pasture and meadow land 15 a. $300		300	2 64
White, Henry A., Heirs of	tillage land, cor. Cherry and Bomer st., 4½ a. $450 woodland 2 a. $50 Moulton woodland 3 a. $150		650	5 72
Putnam, John A.	pasture and woodland, off Bomer st., 50 a. $1,100		1100	9 68
Lummus, John	house, Porter st., $1,000, barn $150 house lot ½ a. $150		1300	11 44
Trask, Elbridge, Heirs of	woodland 2 a. $50		50	44
Patch, Abraham	meadow and woodland 15 a. $200		200	1 76
Putnam, Calvin	house, Bomer st., $1,300 barn $700, shed $200 shed, south side of yard, $100 tillage land 23 a. $1,450 pasture land 28 a. $650 meadow 2 a. $50		4400	38 72
White, Edward F.	orchard land, off Bomer st., 2½ a. $100, peat meadow 2 a. $25		125	1 10
Peabody, Eben	meadow land 3 a. $25		25	22
Gould, Lydia W.	woodland 2 a. $50		50	44
Peabody, Geo. A.	woodland 9 a. $500		500	4 40
Brown, Chas. W., Heirs of	woodland 2 a. $50		50	44
Cook, Everett C.	tillage land, off Maple st., ¼ a. $25		25	22

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LasCassas, Wm. B. D.	meadow land 18 a. $325		$325	$2 86
Tyrill, Parker P., Heirs of	meadow and upland 5 a. $200 woodland 4 a. $50		250	2 20
Manchester.				
Hanks, C. S.	woodland and tillage land 3 a. $125		125	1 10
Malden.				
Bradbury, Daniel	woodland 2 a. $75		75	66
Topsfield.				
Homan, William	woodland 1 a. $25		25	22
Perkins, Dudley, Heirs of	meadow land 25 a. $500		500	4 40
Towne, Eben W.	meadow land 30 a. $625		625	5 50
Towne, Elisha, Heirs of	meadow and woodland 7 a. $150		150	1 32
Towne, Mary L.	meadow and woodland 37 a. $925		925	8 14
Towne, Mrs. Jacob A.	pasture and woodland 17 a. $475 River meadow land 5 a. $150		625	5 50
Woodbury, Isaac M.	Leach meadow land 10 a. $250 Perkins and John Dodge woodland 7 a. $200		450	3 96
Lake, Otto	house lots Nos. 20, 21, Enon st., 10,000 ft., $200		200	1 76
Salem.				
Gifford, N. P.	house lot, No. 30 Enon st., 5,000 ft. $100		100	88
Mackintire, E. A.	pasture land, off Cherry st., (from Sam'l Porter Estate) 5½ a. $500		500	4 40
Lunt, Mary P.	woodland 5 a. $150		150	1 32
Julyn, Chas. W.	engine, boiler and hoisting apparatus $700 4 ice houses, Cedar st., $2,000 stable and shed $150 ice house land ¼ a. $150 Batchelder land, north side of Cedar st., ¼ a. $25	$700	2325	26 62
Lynn and Boston St. R. R. Co.	house, Arbor st., $2,200 stable $4,000 car house, Main st., $3,000 lot, cor. Main and Arbor sts., 1¾ a. $1,200		10400	91 52
Pingree, David	woodland 11 a. $450		450	3 96
Rogers, Edward L.	pasture land, on Cherry st., 12½ a. $700		700	6 16
Tuckerman, Chas. S.	house, off Larch st., $6,000 stable $2,500, front land, on Larch st., 10 a. $2,000 tillage land 15 a. $1,500 meadow land 8 a. $400 Wm. P. Dodge land 6 a. $750		13150	115 72
Wallis, Miss Abbie	house lot, Enon st., lot No. 32, 5,000 ft. $100		100	88

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Nelson, James S.	house lot, Enon st., No. 41, 5,000 ft. $100		$100	$ 88
Haswell, Mrs. Stephen G.	Sally Day woodland 5 a. $200		200	1 76
Ropes, Geo. F.	Caves house, Cherry st., $750 Smith house, Cherry st., $700 2 sheds with above houses $100 2 house lots 2 a. $350 unoccupied house lot, Cherry st., 1 a. $175		2075	18 26
Cabeen, John F.	house, Maple st., $950, barn $250 tillage land 5½ a. $450 pasture and woodland 13 a. $325		1975	17 38
Flynn, Michael H.	house lot on Maple st, ½ a. $100		100	88
Cogswell, Mrs. Mary G.	½ house, Cedar st, $500 carpenter shop $75 house lot ⅓ a. $75 Moulton Hill lot 5 a. $250		900	7 92
Portland, Me.				
Conant, Mary E.	house, Larch st., $1,200, barn $200 building on Caves land $350 house lot 4½ a. $700 Caves land, east side of Larch st., 7 a. $700		3150	27 72
Brooklyn, N. Y.				
Young, Chas. F.	woodland 2½ a. $150		150	1 32
Houlton, Me.				
Falcomb, F. W.	house lot, Enon st., No. 33, 5,000 ft. $100		100	88
Lynn.				
Stone, Elor O.	woodland 2 a. $75		75	66
Currier, B. W.	Ober tillage land, Cherry st., 3 a. $250 wood and pasture land 33 a. $700		950	8 36
Edwards, Geo.	house lot, No. 14, cor. of Main and Enon st., 5,500 ft. $150		150	1 32
Lattimer, Gideon	2 horses $100 house, Essex st., $450, barn $250 house lot 6 a. $300	$100	1000	9 68
Darke, J. N.	building on Chas. H. Stanton's land, off Cedar st., $100		100	88
Boxford.				
Moulton, Henry	house, Burley st., $750, barn $225 shed $25, new shed $50 tillage land 7 a. $350		1400	12 32
Gloucester.				
Gaffney, E. A.	Geo. W. Parsons woodland 4 a. $125		125	1 10

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Ipswich.				
Brown, Albert S.	woodland 3 a. $75		$ 75	$ 66
Brown, John, Heirs of	house, Main st., $2,400, barn $400 small house $400, house lot 1 1-16 a. $400		3600	31 68
Hamilton.				
Libby, Lester E.	Cummings land, on Porter st. extension, (house lots) 9¼ a. $1,900 house, Cherry st., $1,100 house, Bomer st., (Lake View house) $1,600 barn, Bomer st., $700, shed $75 shop $25, house lot, Cherry st., 2 a. $500 tillage land, Bomer st., 14 a. $1,000 pasture land 15 a $375 meadow land 2 a. $50		7325	64 46
Jones, Frank	house lot, from Cummings land on Porter st. extension, 1¾ a. $400		400	3 52
Dodge, Geo. B.	woodland 4 a $50		50	44
Dodge, Emerson P.	tillage land 21 a. $1,500		1500	13 20
Woodbury, Josiah, Heirs of	2 wood lots 7 a. $300		300	2 64
Marshall, Frank	tillage and pasture land 10 a. $250		250	2 20
Dodge, Geo. W.	house lot, cor. of Main and Linden sts, ⅝ a. $500		500	4 40
Carey, Henry	meadow land 2 a. $50		50	44
Lamson, Jarvis, Heirs of	woodland 4 a. $200		200	1 76
Patch, Chas.	woodland 3 a. $125		125	1 10
Smith, Dan'l C.	house lot, No. 29 Enon st., 5,000 ft. $100		100	88
Trask, Ira F.	house, Porter st., $1,300 house lot ½ a. $175		1475	12 98
Myopia Hunt Club,	Gibney pasture land 4 a. $550 meadow land 2 a. $175		725	6 38
Knowlton, Isaac F.	Jacob Brown house $600 barn $400, shop $100, shed $50 tillage land 4 a. $200 pasture land 3 a. $75 meadow 2 a. $50, tillage land, off Grapevine st., 1 a. $100		1525	13 42
Haverhill.				
Gleason, Geo. W.	woodland 3 a. $25		25	22
Boston.				
Boston & Maine R. R., Eastern Division	freight house $800 land under and near freight house ⅓ a. $400 Parker P. Tyrill land 8 a. $800		2000	17 60
Prince, Fred H.	12 horses $2,600, harnesses $1,550 carriages $1,900 furniture and silver $2,000	$8050	39425	417 78

NAMES.	Description and Value of Personal and Real Estate.	Value of Person'l Estate.	Value of Real Estate.	Total Tax.
Prince, Fred H.	Stillman house, Grapevine st., $800 unfinished stone house, off Grapevine st., (Princemere) with old house attached $20,000 Stillman barn $400 stable No. 1, $500 stable No. 2, $150 stable No. 3, $150 stable No. 4, $150 carriage house $450 Henry Dodge Mill building $1,300 mill lot 1 a. $200 John K. Dodge tillage land 23 a. $4,600 John K Dodge pasture land 21 a. $2,100 John K. Dodge woodland 25 a. $1,500 F. S. and G. F. Dodge woodland 11½ a. $800 F. A. Edwards woodland 4 a. $375 Chas. Wilkins woodland 4 a. $300 Sam'l R. Prince woodland 3 a. $150 Wm. Higgins woodland 5 a. $500 John Gentlee woodland 4½ a. $400 Geo. W. Williams woodland 10 a. $800 Rufus Putnam woodland 4 a. $200 Ephraim Edwards woodland 4 a. $300 R. G. Bennett woodland 4 a. $300 Levi Woodbury woodland 6 a. $500 Wm. Hull woodland 4 a. $250 Isaac Gates woodland 7 a. $600 Jos. Standley woodland 6 a. $400 Augusta Pride woodland 3 a. $200 Stillman woodland 7 a. $600 Stillman house lot 1 a. $200 Joel Kimball woodland 4 a. $250			
Holander, T. C.	unfinished house and stable, off Dodge st., $15,000 small house on F. Edwards land $300, barn on Edwards land $500 land with new house and stable 4 a. $1,200 tillage land 7 a. $1,050 pasture land 21 a. $1,050		$19100	$168 08
Springfield.				
Deland, Cora F., and Cleveland, Harry B.	Frank A. Standley land 10 a. $600		600	5 28

Total Valuation of Real Estate	$731,150
Total Valuation of Personal Property	159,650
Total,	$890,800

Number of Polls, 254.

State Tax	$ 435.00
County Tax	666.79
Town Tax and Overlays	7,245.25
	$8,347.04

Rate of Taxation $8.80 on $1,000.

EXEMPT PROPERTY.

Congregational Society, Meeting House, Main st., $3,000, Chapel $500, land $300	$3,800.00
Baptist Society, Meeting House, Dodge st., $1,800, Chapel $500, land $100	2,400.00
Mapleville Chapel Association, Chapel Building, Maple st., $600, land $50	650.00
Total	$6,850.00

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